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General Correspondence of the  
Headquarters Office of the  
Cotton Bureau at Shreveport, La.  
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Jefferson Nov 21/64

Capt A. A. Briggs

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giving information of changes  
made in record of cotton,  
added to records

Tracing agency  
Monrovia Nov 23rd 1864

Respectfully ref. to Brig Genl  
W. R. Briggs - Chief of Staff

I have failed to put at Monrovia  
500 bales, cotton ordered by the  
Commanding Genl, for account of  
the State of Louisiana, owing to changes  
made by the Chief of Cotton Bureau -  
deposited at Monrovia by him  
E. B. Black  
Capt & a y m

#598

Through Col. M. D. Smith

Recd at the Dept Nov 1/64

Note -

I ordered Capt  
Berge to continue the  
transportation of  
cotton to "Waco"  
in accordance with  
my previous instructions.  
Capt Black was  
absent at the time.  
I did not know  
that any directions  
had been given by  
him. Contravening  
instructions and pledge  
given by me. With  
the sanction and  
under the orders  
of the County Clerk  
W. A. Broadwell  
S. C.

Hugh Hays Miss Keith  
Shreveport La Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr Broadwell will  
immediately place at  
Navasota the five  
hundred (500) bales  
of cotton. If it can  
not be obtained in  
the neighborhood he  
will direct the  
amount from the  
trains of Capt. Barrett  
and Berge freight  
cotton to Waco.

E. H. Smith  
S. C.  
5534.



Office Transportation Co, Va  
Columbus Bureau 17th St  
Washington D.C.

Captain

In reply to your inquiry of the  
13<sup>th</sup> inst. I have to say that the 144 boxes  
of cotton referred to were detained by the  
loss of your order after my return from  
Shenandoah & then arrived another train  
which came in yesterday loaded with 37  
boxes which makes the 181 boxes which  
I sent to you according to the instructions  
of Col. Brewster.

I had supposed that the change  
made by Col. Brewster was fully understood  
by you or I would have more fully explained  
it in my last communication.

Respectfully

Wm. H. Lutz

N. A. Biry

Oct 18, 1864

Capt. W. C. Black

only for Col. B.

Shenandoah



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Jefferson in 1864

Capt. N. A. Binge  
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Enclosing permit.

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Office Perry & Tramp<sup>2d</sup>  
2<sup>d</sup> M. Col. Bureau Dist 2<sup>d</sup>.  
Jefferson Dec 1, 1864

Colonel

Enclosed herewith  
please find permit in favor  
B. J. Perry for thirty one  
bale cotton, which is for-  
warded for registration and  
approval

I am very respectfully,  
Y<sup>rs</sup> obt. Serv

N. A. Perry  
Capt & Co. 2<sup>d</sup> M

C. W. A. Broadwell  
Chf Col Bureau  
Shreveport  
La





Houston, Dec<sup>r</sup> 30, 1864.

Col M. A. Broadwell,  
Shreveport.

Dear Sir,

I have made the acquaintance  
of the Broker Mr. P. Buchanan, agent  
of Alexander Collier & Co. of London, who  
visits your dead quarters on business  
of importance and beg the favor of introducing  
him to you and soliciting y<sup>r</sup> attention  
to his case, and your best efforts for  
what shall appear to you right in the  
premises.

I am led to believe his contract is  
an excellent one for the Gov<sup>t</sup> & that  
he ought to get a prompt return cargo  
of cotton.

I have intended to write to you  
for a good while to acknowledge  
the receipt of y<sup>r</sup> favor, but have delayed  
it. Only y<sup>r</sup> friend & ob<sup>d</sup> serv<sup>r</sup>  
W. F. Ballinger

Houston 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1864.  
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In regard to the operations  
of the Gov. of Texas in Cotton  
Laws of Congress  
file



Houston, March 26. 1864.

Col. W. A. Broadwell,

Dear Sir,

I am in rec<sup>d</sup> of a letter from the Governor dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, before Maj Bryan's arrival, which leads me to believe that the Governor will not be as impracticable as I apprehended he would. He has evidently become concerned at the prospect of speculation and the odium consequent thereon, growing out of his operations. I think, too, he is more sensible of the injurious effect of his plan on the efforts of the Cotton office to obtain cotton for the military service. He says he is working for the Confederate service, and that there must not be any conflict in cotton matters.

I renew my advice to you, that, as soon as the laws of Congress bearing on the exportation of Cotton are rec<sup>d</sup>. and the Treasury Agent arrives, and plans are refined at General Smith's Head Quarters, you should come to Texas, and aid in putting affairs on the right track. If Congress fails to provide for or recognize the Certificates issued by the Cotton office will it not necessitate a change of their programme? Will they not be discredited, the people refuse longer to take them, & the office in fact unable in good faith to insist on their acceptance?

It should perhaps enter into y<sup>r</sup> plan to consolidate Hart and his translation of the office, and by so doing the whole concern. Until then, without efforts to make him useful, I should expect to see Hart decapitated. There is any idea of that kind? - It is to be hoped that you are in possession of the laws, provisions, instructions &c. at present by this time. Yours, very truly, M. P. Ballinger

Houston 29<sup>th</sup> Mch 1864

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W. P. Ballinger

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In regard to the affairs of  
the Texas Cotton Office -  
Wishes Col to A. B. to come  
to Texas -

file



Houston, March 29. 1864.

Colonel W. A. Broadwell,  
Shreveport -

Dear Sir, I recd. yesterday of 2 letters of the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.  
with the enclosures, - which I have read with  
much interest. Maj. Bryan wrote me from Austin  
that he would leave there for Waco to-morrow morning,  
and as I ~~could~~ <sup>can</sup> not forward him the papers from there  
until then, I shall not be able to give him the benefit  
of them. He writes that the Governor manifests a favorable  
disposition, & he anticipates good results, but I think had  
not come to practical points. He says, the Gov. was about to  
send down an Agent of his own to adjust with the Cotton Office.

My opinion is, that if the Treas. agent had arrived with the  
his instructions from the Pres. after conference at Shreveport  
with Gen. Smith - a frank & intelligent conference between  
the Treas. Agent, Gov. Murrah, yourself & Col. Hulthuis  
might result in the inauguration of a better plan than any  
heretofore. That is, you could adopt improvements <sup>give</sup> & increase  
efficiency. I would place a value on the cooperation of  
the Governor if extended in the right spirit. It has been the  
reproach of the retiring Gov. of Texas, Subbach, that with  
the most patriotic dispositions imaginable, he literally  
effected nothing during his term of office to aid in the  
war. The people expected something definite, noticeably  
appreciable from him. Gov. Murrah feels that it is  
solicitous to do something. I think his motives are patriotic,  
but then ambition blends with them - he wants the credit of his  
good works. Considering the opposition which exists to the  
acquisition of cotton by the Confed<sup>t</sup> authorities, which is likely  
to exist against any plan which they can separately undertake,  
and considering the opposition already in the minds of the  
people from ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> growing out of State action, any conviction  
that is very strong that if the Governor could be brought  
to give his name, influence & cooperation to the

and of the Confed<sup>d</sup> authorities, in good faith, much  
effort would be disarmed, and great good result.

I am without definite views, or a precise plan beyond  
these genl. suggestions. but you are the man if possible  
to educe from them practical results. and I repeat the  
burden fall I have had to say to you recently. Come  
to Texas with the Texas Agent, and put the machine in  
motion again. Until his arrival with the last & unfortunately  
the Pres<sup>t</sup> who seems to be interested with the regulation of the  
exportation of cotton nothing definite or reliable can be  
determined on. And it will be well in that effort to

endeavor to convince Maj. Hart and make him successful.  
at least ascertain that he could not be judiciously used.  
He is a man of capacity, intelligence & experience. much  
trusted by the President. He may be insecure. If so, he is  
well meaning; and rightly placed, might do good.

These are my own suggestions without any intimation of his  
particular wishes.

With best regards, yours very truly,

W. P. Ballinger

Hairston 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 1864

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Houston, Apr. 23. 1864.

Dear Colonel,

I have been intended for a week or two past to write to you with a view to the consultation which I suppose will take place at Shreveport. During Judge Grays' visit, relative to Cotton matters. But I have not been at all well. I wrote for Col. H. a letter to Gen. Smith which I suppose will answer the same purposes - presents the general points - tho' I could have written with more freedom to you. Very possibly the impressing and exciting military movements below Shreveport may prevent the proper attention to this subject; and it may be best to adjourn the determination of y<sup>r</sup> plan to this place & to the reception of the Regulations for overland exportation.

It is dear to my mind that you have now to take a new departure adapted to the state of the land & the condition of things.

I have seen enough to assure me perfectly that the main features & the general plan of the Cotton ~~off~~ system adopted by the military in this Dept. is extremely judicious & wise. It only requires to be enabled to work - to have fair play.

I renew the expression of my own solicitude that you should come down here, and assist in inaugurating the new regime, if there be one - The thing ought to be well

done & rightfully done. That will save a  
great deal of trouble, & render it far  
more effective & successful.

I have hoped to hear that you had  
suggested Gen Smith to appoint Wells in  
the ~~Adj Gen's~~ Dept. - a fair request  
I think on his part - and a matter  
that I would not feel at liberty to keep  
except from the most certain knowledge  
that he is not only the very best but  
I can truly say an essential man  
in the business of the office -

He is really a man of very fine and  
admirable capacity -

I hope you will press the matter  
and if it will promote the it, ask  
Bryan to aid you, & make a point of it -

I especially request him to do so, knowing  
in the fullest degree Wells' capabilities  
& merit -  
Yours truly,  
W. J. Bullinger

Received 23rd April 1864

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The Adj Gen's office

Houston 8<sup>th</sup> April 1864.

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His views in regard to the  
relative position of Gov  
Cheney towards the Texas  
Cotton office-

Answered & filed



Houston, April 8. 1864.

Col. W. A. Broadwell,

Shreveport

Dear Sir,

I rec'd. y<sup>r</sup> favor

of 28<sup>th</sup> March several days ago. have been indisposed since, and am not well now. You say the letter to Bryan for use with the Govt. "is not confident in tone or bold enough in its tone to bring his excellency to a knowledge of the truth." It was written by me.

I think you lose sight of one main fact. The Cotton office itself is but a mere military expedient, created by the Military - subject to their orders & to be abolished by them at their pleasure. It has no independent existence. I have never considered or admitted it to be illegal - but it is a mere agent, without will or authority of its own, independent of the Military. When, then, the Govt. comes into the field to buy <sup>or sell</sup> 80,000 bales of Cotton, Genl. Magruder publishes his orders forbidding all interference with the Cotton of E. B. Nichols, States agent - whom Genl. Smith by his silence acquiesces in this, and writes to the Governor to know what he desires how much cotton he wants - and appoints an officer to come to an understanding with the Governor, where is the ground for the C.O. to be confident or bold?

I think boldness of tone on its part w<sup>d</sup> be as misplaced, as any other piece of insubordination, so to speak, by the part of inferior to superior authority.

The boldness would have had its propriety - its most perfect propriety - by the Military Commander at the time the Governor was here discussing his demands. I think Genl. Magruder committed a great mistake in issuing his <sup>Special</sup> order No. 58. Before then, you might say, <sup>advisedly</sup> Military law, but the true public interests were on the side of the Civil authorities,

but I don't perceive that Military power backed their  
Civilian office in any measure it holds with the Government

I look however to the recent laws of Congress - and  
the policy established under them as an accommodation  
with them for the true solution of difficulties -

Unless afforded, in that manner the situation  
is not a good one. Judge Gray is here; but I have  
been too unwell to see him except a casual  
meeting. I hope he holds the key to the problem.  
Laws are the true power to work with in such a  
context - not military force. I think he will  
go very soon to Shrewsbury. I shall write you again  
when I have heard from him fully -

Yours very truly

W. P. Ballinger



Houston 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1838

W. P. Ballinger

Referring to the Texas  
State plan for export-  
ing Cotton

(Private & Confidential)

Houston, June 3. 1864.

Col: W. A. Boardman,  
Shreveport,  
Dr Sir,

I saw a letter from Gen Smith to Col. Shelton showing that it was Gen Smith's impression that Gov. Murrah had limited his exportation of cotton to 12,000 bales. In this, Gen Smith is in error. The facts were, that Maj. Bryan and Gen Nichols, State agent, on? at Houston, the agreement, approved by the C. O. & that the Gov. should only export 12,000 bales. The agent acted subject to Gov. Murrah's approval. But they went to Austin together, Nichols promising to exert his influence to procure the Gov.'s approval. After some delay, I believe the Gov. at one time signified his willingness to confine his plan to 12,000 bales. But it was then ascertained that he meant 12,000 bales for the State, and 12,000 for <sup>private parties</sup> ~~planters~~ making 24,000, altho' it had been expressly understood between Nichols & Bryan that the 12,000 included all both of Gov. & planters. This produced a hitch - and finally the Gov. declined fixing any limit, and required that all cotton which had been purchased by state agents should be permitted to go out. This was the basis on which matters were closed between the Gov. & Bryan - as I know from Murrah's official letter to Bryan, copy now before me, together with Bryan's letter enclosing same. It is very probable that Gov. Told Bryan that 12,000 w<sup>d</sup> be the limit: and that Bryan credited it, because I know he made something his confidence in the Gov.'s good faith, sincere disposition not to interfere, but really to aid the Confederacy. So, none of Bryan's later letters, <sup>that I saw</sup> claimed that even verbally, 12,000 was the Gov's limit - The truth at this point is, that from long knowledge of Gen Nichols' character, & from the course pursued by the Governor, no confidence was



maintained here that the Gov. or Nichols would act in good faith. ~~and that~~ that they were influenced by any other motive than apprehension at the time of obstruction to their plans by the Military & the determination to surmount it & still go on, obtaining all they could.

The Gov. thus obtained an understanding that all his "State plan" cotton to be purchased to that date, Sh. J. Smith, and agreed to issue an order stopping further purchases. Mr McKinney, who was privy to the negotiations, told me as a fact within his knowledge that after Bryan was purporting to delay & the matter not closed in order that the State agents, then at work like beavers, Sh. J. continued to purchase. When the order was issued written at Austin about 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of May, he further told me as of his own personal knowledge, passing within his hearing, that the Gov. ordered it ante-dated to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept - a very petty fraud, but I think very characteristic.

Nichols had contracted with parties to furnish certain amt of cotton wool. 2000 bales or so. which they were to buy up. After this order these purchases continued in order to make good their agreements -

Also the State Military Board continued to make purchases -

The course of the Gov. throughout has been marked by entire personal unscrupulousness.

Gen Smith wrote him on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March that his plan to prevent the acquisition of cotton by the C.O. for military necessities - requiring how much cotton he required for state purposes - & proposing to facilitate his getting the amt he absolutely needed.

Gov. Murrah replied under date of the 12<sup>th</sup> of March - promising to write the Gen. very soon how much cotton he required - also promising to limit his purchases so as not to interfere with



3) the C.O. To this day, I presume Gov. Murrah has never written any thing further. nor do I presume he had any intention to do so at the time.

In his letter to Maj. Bryan, announcing his suspension of State purchases, he assumes the ground that he had understood promptly on receiving information that he was interfering with the Confederate service; and in letters to the C.O. he indulged the same assumption —

This led Col. H. to remind him that when he was here discussing the State Plan, the members of the C.O. had told him his plan would break them down, and also to remind him of Gen Smith's letter ~~of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March~~. He had the impudence to reply that Gen Smith's letter had not been rec<sup>d</sup>. by him until Apr, after he had ordered the suspension of purchases under the State plan. As <sup>his</sup> Gen Smith's letter was dated 1<sup>st</sup> March & very soon after <sup>copy</sup> enclosed to the C.O. was <sup>copy</sup> Gov. Murrah's reply dated the 12<sup>th</sup> was enclosed from Shreveport the 1<sup>st</sup> of Apr, Col. H. was able very easy to point out his error.

The truth is, that in Dec. or Jan'y he was officially informed by the C.O. that half the moveable cotton of the State was necessary to the military service — that the best estimates had been made, and less than that would not enable the military to ~~get along~~ provide the army & pay for the supplies & band for which cotton was promised.

The Gov., with distinct knowledge of this, comes into the field, makes the same exemptions, and takes for the largest proportion,  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $\frac{9}{10}$  of the 50% of moveable cotton — all the while professing the utmost solicitude not to interfere with the military service.

That is. He knows the military must have  $\frac{1}{2}$

and he deliberately takes  $\frac{4}{5}$  to  $\frac{9}{10}$  of that half - exempting the remainder - all the while protesting his friendship.

He represented to Gen Smith also in his letter of 12<sup>th</sup> March, of the State Cotton" & go to the purchase farms, <sup>that much</sup> which would secure, and the bureau, all beyond ~~the machinery~~ would be limited to machinery" <sup>which would not amount to much</sup> that is, if he is sincere, "I am getting cotton in order to appropriate only a small amt to machinery - all beyond to arms".

In Gen Smith's letter of a subsequent date, covering this reply of the Gov., he seems to think there might be no trouble with the Gov., if as the Gov. sd buy mostly arms & a little machinery -

The Gov. throughout has made these professions, and argued, if the State can get these arms first & most energetically, why complain? Being easily satisfied of his duplicity - and that a man his professions were not to be trusted, I sought to get some definite arrangement or commitment between him & the military authorities for the proceeds of his cotton in arms or other military stores. But I noticed that he carefully avoided it -

The true aim of the Gov. is apparent from the Copy of the Law which I enclose you applying ~~the~~ all the proceeds of State cotton, after purchasing arms & ammunition for the frontier Regt. to buy up State Treasury Warrants. In other words, the Gov's plan has been, viz, to carry on the State Govt by cotton speculation - & to encourage & maintain the right of all to carry out cotton without restriction on whom he may choose to confer the right. His message to the Legislature shows this plainly. He wants the "State kept unencumbered in a judicious plan of purchasing & disposing of cotton -" Under the head of "Spend of Public Enterprise" which he adorns extravagantly, - "of individuals



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associations of men & by chartered companies" - he says  
in his message "The Capital of every kind, the laborers,  
the agents - mechanics, superintendents, directors &c. employed &  
be protected by law against interference or interruption from any  
or every source" which practically means, encourage  
speculations in cotton & protect them against the Capital Govt.

The sequel is now developed. The cotton office with the  
Govt's approval, <sup>& no doubt instigated by him</sup> imprisoned in a county  
jail & subjected to suit & indictment all over the  
State - & the Governor pursuing cotton operations with  
the utmost vigor both on State & individual account.

In a letter from Mr McKimney recd. yesterday, he writes,  
"Gov Marshall, under the impression that Gen Smith is hindered  
"by him with continued his unholy cotton operations."  
"and unless the military authorities compel him & the Military  
"Board to use & export only cotton belonging to the State,  
"there will not be a bale that will not be monopolized  
"by them. They are making contracts daily for exporting  
"cotton in which the State owns no interest whatever. a  
young man showed me a contract yesterday to export 300 bales."  
The Governor says, he has Gen Smith pledged to let it all  
go out." - I write you this to enable you to understand  
the true state of cotton matters in this State.

The Gov. is calculating, adroit & unscrupulous. I am not to  
mistaken that he is totally unreliable as to truth. In one of  
Col. Hutchins' letters to him, he is said he believed the order by  
Gen Nichols published here the 10th or 11th, had been ante-dated to the  
1st of April. This was based on Bryan's letters subsequent to the 1st,  
saying that it was issued. Subsequently we learned positively that it  
was antedated by Marshall's express order. <sup>In the Governor's message he alludes to this order as issued April 1st!</sup> Think of this little mean  
treachery! I do not desire to bore Gen Smith. I do not desire  
to intrude suggestions much less <sup>any thing like</sup> counsel upon him. I have  
written this letter, having it in mind, however, that you should  
show it to him & read it to him, if proper leisure or occasion  
offer - or to which I leave you to judge. requesting you not to



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Don't, unless the circumstances are such that you suppose  
it might tend towards some useful end -  
No one can feel more deeply than I do that conflict &  
difficulty between Confed<sup>n</sup> & state authorities ought to be  
avoided. But and I am the last man to desire much  
less promote it: but I feel that Gen Smith ought to appreciate  
the character of the man he has to deal with - and ought to  
regard his acts, and have no respect whatever for his professions  
or promises. The Gov. is ambitious of political office. He has  
abandoned the extreme state-rights role <sup>not his former political creed</sup>; thinking that it will  
unite ultra state-rights men, unionists, malcontents, &c.,  
and that by pandering to the selfish interests of those at home,  
he can build up a prevailing influence. He adheres pertinaciously  
to his own ends - is unscrupulous <sup>as to</sup> the means of attaining them.  
He puts on occasionally a very bold air, & talks vehemently of  
state sovereignty, dignity &c. But he is not a bold man.  
He should be dealt with with  
vigorous firmness - what is lawful, what is right should be  
maintained - & responsibility for their violation thrown on him.  
His intrigue takes on the character of enterprise, but he has  
no real manliness or boldness.

We have all been humbugged by the Governor & his plans.  
Gen Magruder's order validating his cotton ~~home~~ exportations in the  
first place was a great mistake; & I entirely ignored the order &  
principles on which the C.O. was established. The C.O. felt  
assured that the Gov's plan, if persisted in, w<sup>d</sup> break them  
down; but they hoped he w<sup>d</sup> desert - hoped that laws of Congress  
w<sup>d</sup> come in - hoped that something w<sup>d</sup> turn up smothering them  
to do good & avoid a difficulty. If they had had <sup>frankly</sup> other firmness  
right there, to make the issue - "an ability is gone if the  
Gov's operations go forward" - all would have been well, ~~and the~~  
~~Gov. would have~~ in my opinion: but this was not done.  
I take blame to myself, so far as I have <sup>had</sup> any connexion with  
events for not appreciating the reality of the case; but I don't  
see the truth clearly.  
You have written in several letters in regard to the





Houston 7th June 1864

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W. P. Ballinger

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Referring to the affairs  
of the Texas Cotton Office  
The Law passed by the  
Legislature - Action  
in Congress



Houston, June 7. 1864.

Col. W. A. Broadwell

or Sir,

I am in rec<sup>d</sup> of y<sup>r</sup> letter 30<sup>th</sup> May - & agree<sup>d</sup>. yesterday - Genl. Smith's appointment of Mr. Wells, if influenced by any considerations at all personal to me, places me under sincere obligation. It would not have been urged but for the conviction, I will say knowledge, on my part of his peculiar and very excellent qualifications - He has been kept out of military service by some very strong domestic considerations - and a sense of usefulness otherwise, to which may to some extent have contributed - and should have regretted very much to see him placed in a position in which his real capacity for usefulness would have been lost -

I rec<sup>d</sup>. the letter from Genl. Smith you allude to - about the time of his arrival here last Feb'y. I had no good opportunity to acknowledge it ~~verbally~~ orally - it was awkward to do so after he left - and besides I supposed Stiquette did not call for any acknowledgment - or reply - it being taken for granted that I appreciated fully his set of compliment & kindness.

I look for granted that I was indebted to your good offices for an attention of the character - though I hope to be repaid by Genl. Smith (when the subject of his regard shall be sincerely and earnestly devoted to the public good, and not to any private or selfish ends).

You ask my advice as to what must be done. I have some- what anticipated this by my last letter to you - that is, as far as I feel able to advise, or offer any views. The C.O. here is much damaged in public opinion, tho' there is still a reaction in their favor. They are also a good deal irresolute and undecided. It turns out that the last, which a copy was sent as having passed the senate & then the house - & then as having been approved by the Gov. did not pass - but another Bill to punish by fine or imprisonment all unlawful interference with personal property in any manner - which is not so directly applicable to the C.O. - ~~will~~ intended to reach them -

their being men of wealth encourages legal enterprise against them, & renders them timid. - unless they could see clearly that they were in no personal danger. I think the people give them credit for correct dealing which is of much importance and they have the merit of being perfectly faithful -

My opinion is that the use of exemplars from impressment by the Confed. authorities - and prohibited rigidly to all others - is the best plan of getting cotton - If you resort to actual impressment it will produce immense difficulty. If you buy cotton the States can compete with you - or the organized band of speculators acting in the name of the State - this will increase the price of cotton, & they can afford to buy for a sell for a small margin of profits which would be insufficient to cover cotton operations upon for supplying the army. An office or Bureau established by law with legal authority to acquire cotton - & then its export by private parties prohibited is the true plan. The Govt. ought at once to recognize & act on the fact that it must get & use the cotton or it can't get along otherwise. Genl. Smith in his letter to Judge Gray objects to the Bill I drew on the ground that it makes the Army dependent on this Bureau of foreign supplies as I styled it. This is but another mode of objecting however it seems to me, that the army should be dependent on the Treasury Dept of the C. S. as it now is & must necessarily be. It is the duty of the Treasry to provide ways & means for the Army. Funds & means ought to be supplied the army. Finance is not legitimately sought not to be part of its duties or responsibilities. The Bill was the best suggestion I could frame of a plan by which the Treasry could supply the army. I think one feature of that plan ought to be expressly to prohibit any army officer from obtaining these articles in order to purchase foreign supplies - in order to prevent competition, & secure a head, system, uniformity, marching to the gov. -



I understand Gov. Murrah claims that he has Gen. Smith pledged to let all his "State plan" cotton go out whether belonging to the State individuals -

I took pains to induce Gen. Slaughter to write to <sup>Gov. M.</sup> that the order which Gen. McJ. had issued was not to have any effect against future orders - especially against laws afterwards passed by Congress. This point has also been distinctly marked in Col. Hutchins' correspondence. - It seems to me that Gen. Smith should notify Gov. Murrah (if he considers the regulations he may issue as a different policy from that pursued by him toward the Governor) & fully in regard to the Regulations - & the necessity and grounds of their issuance. This I think should be very carefully done - in order to make his record right - ~~as~~ the existence of the Confederate Law - its allowance of a State to take out <sup>allow</sup> only on its own account, and his policy by which it has been reduced to an alternative simply of not permitting him to cover private cotton & carry it out of the country against the Confederate Laws - and either the army so unsupplied should be presented in terms that will afford a full answer to the clamors which no doubt the Governor will make.

These are the only suggestions which occur to me. They are made to of yourself - for such consideration as you may give to them.

Yours truly

W. P. Ballinger.

Houston, Aug. 12/63.

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M. P. Ballinger

Reply in reply regards  
to the 80% tax on  
Cotton - -

For

My E. V. Kaper.

Respectfully referred to Lt Col Broadwell  
Ch of Cotton Bureau.

By order Maj Gen. H. H. H. H. H.  
at Houston.

Capt & Co. A. H. H.

Recd. Aug. 13/63  
#191. R. " 18/63



*Office of Ballinger & Jack,*  
**ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,**  
**GALVESTON, TEXAS.**

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Galveston, ..... 186

Houston, August 12. 1863.

General,

I have the honor to acknowledge the rec<sup>d</sup> of y<sup>r</sup> favor under date of yesterday, relative to Paragraph III of your General Order N<sup>o</sup>. 124.

My note to Ball, Hutchings & Co. was hastily written, & not with the view of its being enclosed to you. I take leave to say, that I endeavor to estimate the arduous responsibilities and labors of your position and your efforts to discharge them for the public good. So far as lies within my limited province, I most sincerely desire to sustain and strengthen your authority, and that your acts may be both useful and acceptable to the country.

I should make no suggestion in regard to them under any circumstances having any other object in view.

I think the order you propose to substitute for <sup>the</sup> Paragraph in question, an improvement. Permits are matters of favor by you: and whilst it might seem going rather far to require immediate payment of a tax to y<sup>r</sup> Gov. Mr. which perhaps a perfectly responsible party may be ready to return & account for to the proper Tax Collector, and so doing might lead to complications & difficulty; yet I think you can with entire propriety say, —

*Office of Ballinger & Jack,*  
**ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,**  
**GALVESTON, TEXAS.**

Know all men by these Presents, that  
as Principal and Galveston, 186  
as Suret are bound unto the Confederate States of  
America in the Sum of [double estimated Tax] Dollars,  
Conditioned as follows, that the said  
been permitted to export out of the Confederate States  
Bales of Cotton, [describing mode of shipment & referring to  
manifest or  
clearance, or otherwise identifying the Cotton].  
on which Cotton, <sup>the same</sup> having been grown prior to the year 1863,  
a Tax of Eight per cent on its value is due the Confederate  
States, which tax is a lien on said Cotton. Now should  
the said pay, or cause to be paid  
to the Confederate States the Tax on all the lawful  
taxes owing on said Cotton in accordance with  
law, then this obligation will be void. otherwise  
of full force. Signed & sealed with scrolls, for seal  
this day of at Texas this day of 1863.

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*Office of Ballinger & Jack,*  
**ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,**  
**GALVESTON, TEXAS.**

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Galveston, ..... 186

I have submitted yr communication to Messrs  
Ball, Hulchings & Co. and their suggestions are  
in best judgment in the matters in question.

Most Respectfully,

Your ob<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. P. Ballinger

Maj: Genl. I. B. Magruder,  
Commanding &c. &c.

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Harrison

17th July 1864

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W. W. Barrett

Asking for receipts

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ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

By Telegraph from

To

July 7 1864

1864

Receipts not paid

Send again

J. H. Carrill

Spd to

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Henderson Texas  
14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1864

Capt W. W. Banet  
511

Reports his trains  
left for waco with  
full loads of cotton.  
The enforcement of Genl  
order No 34 - thinks  
there will be no serious  
difficulty.



Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson Sept 1st, 1864

Lieut: I have your favor of the  
8th inst - you will send you some  
Miting Ant by first of y - have  
no copying but can furnish  
some paper if desired - have no  
official envelopes.

My trains have all left for  
Waco, with full loads of Cotton  
I shall enforce fine or #34 at  
once & think there will be no serious  
difficulty about the matter

Very respectfully  
Your obt servant

Lt W Hardie  
Sherport  
Lee

W H Farnes  
Capt & gen

Farnes is now sitting "cropleged"  
smoking his pipe, debating seriously  
the propriety of selling Custer Oil

Henderson 31 39th Sept 1864

M. M. Bartlett

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Asking Copies of  
imprisonment act.



Transportation Office at Bureau  
Henderson Sept 29th 1864

Capt W. C. Black

Shreveport La

Capt

Please do me the  
kindness to send me at once about one dozen cop-  
ies of the improvement act, & send me copy for  
each Co agent.

I am Capt your obedient

W. H. Bunt  
Capt Oct. 9. 64

*W. W. Baird Agt*

574.

*Letter, General copy  
of contract made by  
Jas D. McKinney  
showing the manner  
of his operations, etc.*



# NOTICE.

In obedience to General Order No. 34, issued from Department Head Quarters, by General E. Kirby Smith on the 1st day of June, 1864, I will proceed to impress one-half of all cotton, (not exempted) within my District, (comprising the following counties, viz: Harrison, Wood, Kaufman, Dallas, Van Zandt, Henderson, Navarro, Smith, Rusk, Panola, Shelby, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine and Cherokee,) unless parties come forward at once and sell voluntarily; this I shall regret to pursue, but my orders are positive and must be obeyed.

County agent, is fully authorized to contract with any party for cotton, and all such contracts will be carried out by me.

Henderson, Sept. 4th. 1864.

W. W. BARRET,

Capt. & A. Q. M.

## HEAD QUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 1st, 1864.

### GENERAL ORDERS

No. 34.

The pressing necessity of the army in the field make it absolutely necessary that the Government should use one-half of the cotton in this Department, for the purchase of naval and military stores, required for the defense of the country.

Discreet and proper bonded and commissioned officers have been selected, who will purchase if possible, the amount required.

If it cannot be obtained by purchase, they are authorized to impress it, in strict accordance with the terms of the Impressment act and the General Orders issued on that subject.

District Commanders will furnish them such assistance as may be needed, in executing this order.

Any attempt at illegal impressment, will be promptly punished, on being reported, with satisfactory proof, to District or Department Head Quarters.

The following officers are charged with the execution of this order:

Major A. S. CABELL,  
Major W. P. BAUGHN,  
Capt. F. J. LYNCH

Capt. B. SHROPSHIRE  
Capt. W. W. BARRET,  
Capt. N. A. BIRGE.

All Cotton procured by them in Texas, will be placed under the control of Lieut. Col. W. I. Hutchins, who will use it solely in procuring army supplies.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Transportation Off. Cal. Bureau

Anderson Sept 16th 1864

Capt W. C. Black

Aph

Thinking that Cal. Smallmill

had one more left. As I am for Mexico, I write you touching matters which I intended submitting to you, viz. Since issuing the enclosed Circular, parties throughout my District are writing and proposing to turn over to me one half their Cotton on Terms offered by the Govt, provided I will give them a permit to export the remainder, and pay them for the half delivered in Law issue, or if I refuse to do this, then, they ask that they may be permitted to contract with Mr. J. F. McKinney Special Govt agent at Austin, who proposes to the people throughout the entire State, to furnish Govt Transportation, and their Cotton to the Rio Grande, pay Schedule prices, deduct one & half Cents Specie per lb. per Hundred Miles, Turn them over half the Cal share, with the right and privilege of shipping where they please.



Such orders not promulgated by Mr McKinney, have  
Never been given to Capt Page and myself. on the contrary  
we are ordered to acquire one half of the Cotton in our Dist,  
by purchase if possible, or improvement if necessary, without  
giving any exceptions whatever, when at the same time other  
Officers, occupying the same position, are allowed to make  
altogether different Contracts, and much more acceptable to the  
people, I ask Capt. is this right is it fair, that  
such restrictions should be placed over our operations,  
Col. Goodwell writes me in letter of 24<sup>th</sup> August, to go ahead  
and improve half the Cotton in my Dist. Now am I to do this, when  
I have not got one dollar in my hand to pay the parties for the  
Cotton thus improved, Can I proceed by giving Certified a/c's,  
does the improvement act authorize such proceeding. You must bear  
in mind Capt, that I alone am responsible on my Official  
Bond for any mishaps in the premises, therefore should be very  
cautious, If I am not permitted to give Certified a/c's,  
you must readily see that it will require a very large sum  
of new issue to supply me. My reports show, that there



is, in my Dict something near Fifty Thousand Bales of Cotton, to pay for one half of which at schedule price will require, Three Millions Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars.

It is a well known fact that Mr Leach turned over to the Cotton Bureau in Henke and Smith Co, (both in my Dict) 700 or 800 Bales Cotton, and recd a permit to export a like quantity, how is it then to be expected that the people in the same Co will willingly turn over half without similar privileges; the fact is they will never do it, but will resist to the latter end.

I am ordered by Col Goodwell where parties haul their Cotton to Waco, and turn over half to the Govt, to pay them there 20¢ per lb, and then (only) they acquire the right to export, this they cannot do, Capt Birge and myself have all the Spa Transportation in this Dict, and simply because a Man has no Transportation nor Permit procure it, he is debared of all rights and privileges.

Enclosed I hand you copy of Contract made by Mr McKim



Special Govt apt at Austin, with one Mr Jones for  
Q. & Sale of Cotton in this Co. and the McKinney is now  
hauling the Cotton and paying the freight in specie. (39 Bales  
loaded on yesterday) I hear of a similar Contract made  
by him with a Man in Harrison Co. if he is permitted  
to continue such operations in my Dist, what would I do,  
do,

I Specially ask for instructions on the following points. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Shall I go ahead and impress one half of the Cotton  
in my Dist, where parties refuse to sell, and offer  
Certified accounts in payment,

2<sup>nd</sup> When parties propose to turn over one half their  
Cotton voluntarily at Schedule price, shall I give  
permits to export the remainder

If in Cal Goodwells absence you feel any hesitation in answering,  
please refer this to Ben Smith who I feel satisfied  
will act promptly in the premises. I am left your obdy  
(I may wish you must make)

W H Barrett  
Capt Oct 9, 1864



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In case the party of the second part prefers freighting the Cotton so purchased of him. it is agreed that the party of the first part shall pay the freight upon the one half of said Cotton retained by the party of ~~the~~ first part for the use of the Confederate States upon its delivery to the agent at Laredo at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents in Specie proportioned per 100 Miles

It is further agreed that if the party of first part furnishes the Transportation necessary. The party of the 2nd part hereby stipulates that the Cotton shall be ready for loading at the point above named upon the arrival of the wagons at that place

Witness our hands this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1864

Signed in Duplicate } J. J. McHenry  
Special agent of  
Cotton Office  
pr J. A. Raymond  
Sub agent

John James

A Correct Copy

W. W. Barrett  
Capt. & Co. J. M.

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State of Texas } This agreement entered  
County of Travis } into between Thos F -  
McKinney Special of the Cotton office of  
the first part. and John James of  
Bexar County of the second part  
Witnesseth. That the said party of the first  
part has purchased of the party of the  
second part Two hundred fifty Bales of  
Cotton deliverable at Henderson Ruick Co  
upon the following conditions to wit

The said party of the first part. is to  
furnish transportation for said cotton  
to Laredo at a freight of one half Cents  
in specie per pound 100 miles -  
when upon the arrival at that point the  
said party of the first part. or the agent  
of the Cotton Office at Laredo, is to recover  
or turn over to said party of the second  
part. one half of said Cotton. with the priv-  
ilege of exporting the same upon the party  
of the second part referring to said party  
of the first part or agent of Cotton Office  
at Laredo. the freight money paid upon the  
said half of said Cotton so recovered or  
turned over

For the one half of said <sup>Cotton</sup> retained  
by the party of the first part for the use  
of the Confederate States. Twenty five cents  
in <sup>per pound</sup> Confederate Notes of the New Issue will  
be paid to the party of the second part

over



1045

In case the party of the second part  
prefers freighting the Cotton so purchased  
of him. it is agreed that the party of the  
first part shall pay the freight upon  
the one half of said Cotton retained by  
the party of ~~the~~ first part for the use  
of the Confederate States upon its delivery  
to the agent at Serebo, at the rate of  
one ~~dollar~~ and fifty cents in Specie per  
pound per 100 miles

It is further agreed that if the  
party of first part furnishes the  
transportation necessary. The party of the  
2nd part hereby stipulates that the  
Cotton shall be ready for loading at the  
point above named upon the arrival  
of the wagons at that place

Witness our hands this 1st day of  
July 1864

Signed in Duplicate } Thos J McHenry  
Special agent of  
Cotton Office  
pr J A Raymond  
Sub agent

John James

A Correct Copy

( W W Canet  
Capt. & Co. G. M.

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Memorandum Texas.

37th Sept 1864

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Capt M. H. Bangs Texas

Dispatch in regard  
to ~~USDA~~ ~~in Mexico~~  
to pay ~~expenses~~

21 Jan 65



ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1864  
By Telegraph from Henderson 7 1864  
To Capt Black

Can I get the fifteen  
thousand dollars new  
issue. I must have  
it to pay expenses of  
my train now on the  
road. Answer at  
once

W. R. Barnett  
Capt & a gm

26 m/pt 1040

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Henderson Texas  
8th September 64

Capt. W. W. Barnett

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Estimate for Q. M.  
Funds. 2<sup>d</sup> Q. M. Co  
a list of certified  
accs. outstanding  
for the purchase  
of Cotton.



Estimate of Funds required for the  
service of the Quartermasters Department  
at Henderson, Texas, by Captain W. W.  
Barnet AGM in the month of Sept. 1864

1	For the purchase of Wagon Timber	4,000 00
2	the hire of 10 Negro Laborers from July 1 to Sept 30 inclusive at 30 Gr Month each	900 00
3	For the hire of 10 Negro Teamsters from July 1 to Sept 30 inclusive at 30 Gr Month each	900 00
4	Pay of 7 Extra Duty men employed as Blacksmiths & Wheelwrights from July 1 to Sept 30 at 3 Gr day ea	2,340 00
5	Hire of 2 Shops, 2 Store Rooms, & Office from July 1 to Sept 30	400 00
6	For the purchase of 24 Mules @ 500	12,000 00
7	For the purchase of Wagons & Harness	25,000 00
8	Pay of 18 Wagon Masters & 2 Forage Masters from July 1 to Sept 30	2,140 00
9	For the purchase of 5000 lb Iron	5,000 00
10	For the hire of 150 Wagons Team & drivers from July 1, 1864 to Sept 1, 1864 inclusive at 10 Gr day ea	138,000 00
11	Incidental expenses, repairs on Teams Carriage &c	5,000 00
		<u>197,180 00</u>

W. W. Barnet  
Capt &c AGM

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Transportation Office  
for the New Mexican  
Hendonon Sept 8. 1864

Captain: I have the honor to wait  
on you with Estimate of Funds re-  
quired at the close of this quarter: in  
fact I am much in want of \$25,000  
immediately to pay the current expenses  
of my Trains, and do not see how  
I can keep them moving without this  
amount.

It is absolutely necessary that  
I should be placed in Funds promptly  
at the close of the quarter to pay my  
Deams, as the owners require the money  
for the purchase of Animals to keep  
their Deams up to the required number

Capt W C Black }  
A G M }  
Shreveport }  
La }  
}

Very respectfully  
Your Obedient

W M Garrett  
Capt A G M



List of Certified accounts given  
by Captain W. W. Farnet A. G. M. C.  
for purchases of Cotton

1844	June 21	G. W. Foster	40 Bales	4821.25
"	30	J. A. Richardson	1 "	116.50
"	1	J. H. Farn	45 "	5532.00
"	30	J. R. Lacey	5 "	571.25
				<u>\$11,051.00</u>

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Memorandum Sept 8. 1844

Captain: Above named List of Certif-  
icate given for cotton, which should  
be paid without delay. Of my  
deposits with E. C. Gattis \$10,000 &  
J. H. Moulton \$1,500 one returned to  
me, I could pay these accounts & pay  
for cotton impressed

Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant

Capt W. C. Paul  
A. G. M.  
Shreveport, La

W. W. Farnet  
Capt & A. G. M.

Henderson 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 4

Capt. W. M. Smith

425

Referring to the trip to  
San Antonio. N. change  
of route, Governor.

The reason why I was  
not able to acquire more

cotton &c. recommends  
the immediate shipment

of 1000 lbs. for

the purchase or improve-  
ment of cotton in his dist.

To Rand to San



Transportation Office  
for Col. Furman  
Henderson Aug 30/64  
Capt. J. C. Black

Capt I have last  
ret'd from My trip to San Antonio. My  
Trains went no further than Waco, which  
fact I guess you have been advised of.  
Long ere now, there I unloaded 720  
O/C. turned over to May Teris O.C. by  
order of Col. Goodwell.

My Teams are again on the road, making  
second trip, will haul this time from 800  
to 900 Bales. May store this Cargo at  
Mosley's Ferry, on Brazos some 30 miles  
below Waco; If the trade is again ex-  
posed to Brownsville, even this point

will be too high up on Brazos. By  
reference to Texas Map you will see  
that it would be much better for us to  
haul from this section direct to Harcota  
from thence by Rail to Allyn. from there  
to Groesville by Wagon. By pursuing the  
Course we avoid a long heavy sandy road.  
Some 120 of Capt Birges Wagon had  
passed Waco before Maj Davis arrived  
with Col Broadmills orders. which turned  
out very well, as we found plenty of  
Army Supply at San Antonio to load them  
all back to Shreveport and Marshall  
thus saving the Govt very heavy expenses.  
In answer to your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> July in which  
you say, from information derived from you, I  
was led to believe that you had purchased



Some 2000 to 3000 Bales. I informed you  
then as I am still able to do, that many  
patriotic good Citizens proposed and offered  
me one half their Cotton, on the terms we  
were offering, provided we would make their  
Neighbours who were refusing to do any thing,  
do likewise, These parties are still willing  
and ready to do as proposed, (and I can  
safely say to the effect of 4000 to 5000 Bales in  
this and adjoining Co.,) They say, whenever  
we say that the Speculators and unpatriotic  
are forced to do what we cheerfully prop-  
ose, then you can come and take half or  
even all, and pay us in whatever you please  
and when it suits your convenience. I  
didn't think proper to propose to receive.  
Nor do I think they would have been willing

to Rang delivered into me got ready  
to enforce Genl Order No 3 of at once  
See that all should be fixed to do alike  
I shall soon need funds to pay

up My present Gt. and do hope your  
Office will make timely arrangements to supply  
me, in fact I must have 10 or 15 thousand  
dollars to pay present expenses, (New Currency)  
in sending so large a train as I have so far  
off from home. I ought and must have means  
to pay my incidental expenses. Can you furnish  
me this amt if I will send after it  
Say to Lt. Warder that the horse is  
in fine condition.

Shall I enforce Genl Order No 3 of at once  
throughout my dicty I am Captain  
Your obt Servt  
W. H. Barrett  
Capt. V. C. M.



after 3/18  
W. H. Bennett  
Insurance & Transportation Co  
72 1/2

Specie contracts will mean  
ations here, Many are  
tions for their funds,  
prefer taking them to the West

Transportation Office  
for Cat Bureau  
Henderson Aug 29/64

Cal W. D. Goodwell  
Asst Cat Bureau

My Dear Sir I last

wrote you from Nacog. Since then I have  
heard nothing from you, so write Capt. Birge  
and myself in answer to our letter at your  
very earliest.

The Wagon of my Wagon are  
again on the road for the Wagon loaded  
with from 5 to 7 B/C on each, Many of  
the Teams are loaded with Cotton seed from  
Mr Isaacs; I greatly fear the Transportation  
Sent from Western Texas into my ditch under



Specie Contracts will ruin our operations here, Many are making applications for their Teams, saying that they prefer taking them to the West where they can get Specie, it would have been much better if a dollar in Specie had never been paid,

unless my Transportation is greatly deere-  
sased by orders from Genl Smith and  
yourself, upon applications from the owners  
to release, I think I can deliver Monthly  
with my own Train 1000 G/C. and guess  
that Capt Birge can deliver as much more

I am Cal  
Your aff. friend

W. H. Parry  
Capt & Agm

Transportation Office  
for Art Bureau  
Washington Sept 2/64

Col. W. A. Grassmiller

Col

Your favor of the  
24<sup>th</sup> ult. is before me. Contents duly  
noted, and your orders therein given. Shall  
be strictly followed, and promptly obey  
ed, I am much pleased <sup>to know</sup> that you and  
Maj. Russell approve my plans and  
views expressed in my letter from Waco.  
In writing as I did, it was not  
my intention to disapprove plans of  
others, but merely to find out my status,  
to know my duty, and to be assured that  
my efforts and exertions in the future  
would not be interfered with by men of



Mr. Wheaton, experience, already I soon  
feel the effects of the Special Transit  
sent into my Dist. but hope soon to be  
able to counteract its influence.  
I found Mr. Russell a pleasant gentleman,  
of good business habits, and much experience,  
when I explained to him my plans and  
views, as to manner in which the Transit  
in my Dist. should be conducted, he  
readily approved them, and now I feel  
satisfied that with such a man at our  
head, we will soon again begin to roll  
along as if gone.

As regards the purchase and improvement of  
Cotton, I have to say, that every effort of mine  
shall be used to meet the pressing wants of  
the Co., and I have no doubt but that

one half of the Cotton in Dry Dict  
will be fully turned over, when done  
the leading parties see that Govl Order  
No 34 will be enforced.

The half Million Dollars, mentioned in  
your letter, shall be applied as directed,  
and I would suggest, if possible that  
the amt be exchanged for New Currency,  
Among the great Mass with whom I shall  
have to deal, I will find many who will  
greatly prefer the new issue.

As regards my previous purchases, I have  
to say, that in this and the adjoining Co  
I had offered me at least 5000 \$/C  
by parties who were willing to do any  
thing in their power to assist the Govt.  
But these parties would say, when we



I deliver for them, we want to see how these  
 our neighbors do likewise, I thought it  
 best that to call upon and propose to secure  
 from such parties, (How do I think they would  
 have been willing to deliver), still we got  
 ready to enforce our Order No 4, and  
 now that I am directed by you to enforce  
 said Order, I am in a position for me to be pre-  
 sent at every improvement made in my district,  
 would it not be well for me to go and  
 see Genl Smith and get him to authorize  
 me to cause my district to attend  
 only to such such business, such transactions  
 can all be closed in my name, but let  
 some one be authorized to execute the  
 orders.

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Herrmann 16 Aug 1884

M. W. Bapst & Co

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Referring to the order  
of J. S. Butler wagon  
master &c



Transportation Office  
for Cotton Purchase  
Henderson Aug 16 1844

Capt W C Mack

Shreveport Capt: I have goods  
of the 11th inst - Gutter was paid  
to Dec 31, 1843. Voucher  
from Vaux, 1844 to Feb 17, 1844  
the time of his discharge, 48 days  
at 2, is 96

Please return voucher  
leaving date of receipt blank

I have the honor to be, Captain,

Very respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant

W H Farnet

Capt V A Gm

Henderson 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 1864

Capt M. M. Burch

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Referring to the order  
for Capt Burch's name  
and requesting me to get  
a bottle of ink.



Administration Office  
for Cotton Purchase  
Henderson Aug 19 1864

Leut: I have your favor of the  
15<sup>th</sup>, accept my thanks for your very  
prompt attention to my request.

My Chief of Staff, old man Foggess,  
reports your horse "improving very pretty"  
but not yet in good condition

I am much in want of one better  
sitting horse, if Maj Hunt has  
any sympathy for a distressed poor  
he will furnish one, which return  
will be called for

Lt J. B. Hardie  
Cot. Purch.  
Shreveport  
La

Truly  
Yours  
W. F. Farnet  
Capt & Gen

Endeavour Texas  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Capt. W. W. Barnett  
In reference to 30  
muzzles to be loaded  
with cotton for  
Harassota.

file

Col Br



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ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Shreveport March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864  
By Telegraph from Henderson Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864  
To Col Broadwell

You might load thirty of the wagons  
now delivering flour to Maj Davis  
with Cotton for Navasota & I will  
send them through  
Barrett

23 wpd  
62

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Enclosed list of cottons reported  
belonging to Alice Rathbone  
who stating is unknown  
asks instructions



Wm's Statement of Cotton Reported by Capt  
 W. H. Paine & C. M. under Special Order No 504  
 issued from Depart West of Dec 1864, belonging  
 to persons whose political status is unknown

Name of Owners	In what Co Situated	No of Bales	Remarks
Taylor & Knapp	Smith Co	127	I collected, and Man of the parties with whom I dealt to May 70, claim charges on the Cotton for charges attention fees
E. Gale & Co	" "	18	
Taylor & Knapp	" "	40	
W. C. Thompson	" "	47	
" " "	Shelby	27	
H. N. Ellis	" "	0	
Taylor & Knapp	" "	18	
W. H. Letchford & Co	" "	42	
" " " "	Macquodoch	74	
Peet Sims & Co	" "	50	
Taylor & Knapp	" "	37	
Babcock & Kernacher	" "	26	
Doct & Wheel	" "	25	
Green & Co	Panola	128	
S. C. Bernard	" "	16	
W. H. Moring	" "	10	
Alsabrook & Thompson	" "	13	
Babcock & Kernacher	Rusk	30	
W. H. Letchford & Co	" "	13	
Peet Sims & Co	" "	30	
Alsabrook & Thompson	" "	10	
Taylor & Knapp	" "	10	
S. L. Chalmers	" "	10	

Alcabrook & Tompkins	"	"	18
Hubcock & Kernachan	Rusk	"	30
W. H. Litchford & Co	"	"	18
Peet Sims & Co	"	"	30
Alcabrook & Tompkins	"	"	10
Taylor & Knapp	"	"	10
S. L. Chalmers <sup>(Chalmers)</sup>	"	"	139
Clark Stuffer & Co	Namison	"	104
Peet Sims & Co	"	"	90
C. B. Wheelock & Co	"	"	12
C. Gale & Co	"	"	18
F. Cook & Co	"	"	402
L. J. Doan & Co	"	"	18
H. Birch	"	"	50
McKerry	"	"	32
do	"	"	42
W. Agnes	"	"	400
Alcabrook & Tompkins	"	"	41
Darcey & Wheeler	"	"	22
R. H. Rain	"	"	11
Schwartz & Kaufman	"	"	22
L. Stearn & Co	"	"	16
L. H. Mapie	"	"	28
Forchumer & <sup>Mayer</sup> Myer	"	"	22
McCrea & Value & Co	"	"	700
Alcabrook & Tompkins	"	"	18

Large portion of the table is reported to be a bad collection, and the balance, which is reported to be a bad collection, is claimed to be a bad collection, and the balance, which is reported to be a bad collection, is claimed to be a bad collection.



McKerry	"	32
do	"	42
W. Agus	"	400
+ Alaborn & Tompkins	"	41
Darcy & Wheeler	"	22
R. W. Rain	"	11
Schwartz & Kaufman	"	22
L. Stearn & Co	"	16
L. H. Mapie	"	28
Forchumer & <sup>Mayer</sup> Myer	"	22
McCrea Value & Co	"	750
Alaborn & Tompkins	"	18
W. H. Letchford & Co	San Augustine	98
W. H. Letchford & Co	San Antonio	75

Large portion of the above  
 require to be done up & delivered  
 paid for, in full or in part

Chenier, Wood, Sabine & Karam. As yet to be  
 heard from, will probably get in three to 150 to 200 Bales

No cotton to be put under this order in Dallas,  
 Vanlandt, Kaufman & Henderson Co.

I don't forward this as altogether correct, merely forward  
 it, that you may have some idea as to what you may expect;  
 and with request, that you inform me whether or not the above  
 list of names, are such as were contemplated in Special Order  
 No 304, I know personally but very little about the political  
 status of those whose names are mentioned. Yr W. Barrett  
 Col. W. A. Corbridge



Nov 9/63  
W W Parrot  
Henderson

Dear May,  
As I stated to you when I  
last had the pleasure of seeing you,  
after I will have gotten every thing under  
way, my frame all complete, I will have  
no objections to making. I respect my  
word, in fact, will be much pleased  
to do so and be with you for the  
mean time you wish upon the season here  
Yours  
W W Parrot

Transportation Officer  
for Cotton Bureau S. I. M.  
Henderson Rock A Nov 9/63

Capt. I am I am in receipt per Courier  
of Capt Birges favor of the 7th Inst  
enclosing Yours of the 5th, from which I  
see you are greatly annoyed with  
Teamsters, &c &c, from the tenor of  
Capt Birges letter he seems to think  
our agents Walsh & Boibean are not  
doing their duty &c, thereby throwing great  
trouble and annoyance on your hands.  
If such is the case Capt I wish  
you to write me fully on the subject &  
also write Capt Birges touching the same  
facts, and we will make different arrange-  
ments; tho I cannot for a moment think  
that either of these Gents would neglect  
their duty; I never in all my life saw  
any more attentive men to business than  
they were whilst I was at the Post of  
Shreveport.

Just now, it would be impo-  
ssible for either Capt Birges or myself  
to make Shreveport our Hd Qrs; it is very  
necessary for us to be out in the interior  
until we can get every thing under good



Nov 9/63  
Wm Barrett  
Hudson

Dear Mary,

As I stated to you, when I  
last had the pleasure of seeing you,  
after I will have gotten every thing under  
way, my Trains all completed, I will have  
no objections to making Newport my  
Hd Qrs, in fact will be much pleased  
to do so and be with you, for the  
mean time you must turn the Deacons  
over as they call on and annoy you  
to Walsh and Boibeau, and inform  
them that they are the parties who should  
render such assistance as the Deacons  
may require

You mentioned in your letter to  
Capt Birge that you had written to  
me, I have not had the pleasure of  
receiving our line from you since my return,  
and hereafter Capt. if any thing  
should turn up wrong, will be much  
pleased to hear directly from you, for  
I am always willing and ready to  
render you any assistance in my power  
they succeed in way of getting Teams. Since  
my return has been very good, & I hope  
soon to be able to double our quantity

Capt  
W C Black

I am Capt your old friend  
W. W. Barrett  
Capt & A 2nd

Nov 19/63  
W W Banet  
Capt  
Henderson

Sundries

Transportation Office  
for Capt Duncan 22 Nov  
Henderson's note 2 Nov 1963

Book I want this morning started  
for Jan 20 drive to Chicago to live



3rd Jan 1963  
W. H. Bant  
Capt

Henderson

Sundries

Transportation Office,  
for Cat Bureau L. S. Map  
Henderson's Rock Co Nov 19/63

Capt I have this morning started  
Mr Jos D Dives to Pulaski to look  
after the Cotton Interest, with instructions  
to proceed from there to Sherport along  
the route traveled by our Trains and see  
that all things are getting on well. &  
on his arrival at your place to report  
to you, and give you such information  
as he may be able to gather along the  
road. I have also instructed him  
to advise with you, as to whether or  
not it would be advisable for him to go  
down on Bayou Pierre and see if any  
arrangement can be made with the planters  
to haul the Govt Cotton to Sherport  
Logansport. It may be well to send  
Jas Boibeau down in that direction to  
get the thing started well, he being well  
acquainted with all the citizens, & let  
Dives take his place until he returns

the however about this. Just do as  
you may think best, and if after you  
see and talk with him. you may  
conclude he can do so good just order  
him to report back to me at this place  
I will leave for Rock in Cherokee Co  
on Sunday next where I have the farm  
is of some 20 to 25 good male teams  
shall not be absent more than 6 or 8 days  
and on my return here will set to  
work and see if I cannot spare  
time enough to pay you a visit at  
the last of this month.

I rec'd a letter a few days since  
from Mr. H. C. Payne asking to be  
ordered to report to me at this place  
will you please do me the kindness to  
see Payne and say to him that I  
now have nothing for him to do out  
here. I would be much pleased to have  
him with me if I had any work for him  
to do, tell him to hold on until I get  
to Shreveport. However if he can find a  
good position let him take it.

Capt H. C. Black  
A. G. M.

Your friend & old friend  
Dr. Dr. Banck  
Capt T. A. D. M.



14 October 1863  
Applied to  
W. W. Barnett Colt &  
A. G. M. for the Detail  
of the Lincoln Armory  
A. C. & B. C. D. D.

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Approved and  
respectedly forwarded  
Thomas L. Camp,  
Secy. A. C. & B. C.  
D. D.

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Miss  
Vinderson St Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

May' In making my appli-  
cation on yesterday for Detail, I  
omitted one of my most valuable men  
to wit Mr. Levin Commons of Capt  
Wallace Co. He reports a good Wagon  
and Team and himself as driver. I  
would therefore most respectfully ask  
May' that you Detail said Comm-  
ons and order him to report to me  
for duty. I very much regret that  
his name was omitted in the first  
application. For he was fully assured  
that the matter was all right. Be  
pleased May' to give this matter your  
personal attention, and forward me the  
detail at your earliest convenience

As  
May' J. Camp

I am May  
Respectfully  
Your obt Servt  
J. W. Parrot  
Capt & A. G. M  
for Cotton Bureau & 5 Miss



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Henderson Texas  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov 1863.

Capt W. M. Barrett.

Reports the progress  
of transporting cotton

Transportation Office  
for Cat Bureau L & Miss  
Henderson Rust O Nov 12/63

Sh Al W A Broadwell

Col

Your esteemed favor of the 5th last reached me this morning, from which I am much pleased to see that there is at least a prospect of your getting matters agreeably arranged.

The work of Transporting Foot Co is going on finely, we have had good weather all the time, and really nothing to complain of. So far we have met with every assistance the people could possibly offer, they are willing and ready, (or at least a very large majority) to do all in their power to facilitate our work. Now and then we come across a fellow who refuses to take our currency, but he is a rare good payer dearly for the whistle, we report him wherever we go; and his course is freely spoken of by all good citizens; this I find to be the most effective way to rectify our currency. Upon the whole we have done <sup>well</sup>, I am frequently asked how we have accomplished so much, when there was so little in the country to work upon. I am myself somewhat surprised at our success, and I am proud to say that the people still show a disposition to respond to further calls. I have now under good head way at this place my Smith and Wagon Shop, and will be able soon to turn out some good work, and too, be able to keep up such repairs as may



Trains my require.

I find of course great difficulty in procuring Iron &c, But thank to the good the good people of this Co went into their jail, tore down the Iron Cage and sold it to me for Govt purposes, which will answer my purpose for a while.

I am occasionally (to get a good Wagon and Team.) I am forced to ask for a Detail from the State Troops. I wish you would do me the favor to call and see Col McAdon & Genl for Civil Troops, & tell him that under no circumstances will I ask for a man, unless I am induced to believe that the Govt makes something by it.

Wishing that I may soon have the pleasure again of hearing from you, and that all things may be arranged according to your own judgment.

I am Sir

Your obt servt  
O. O. Barrett  
Capt &c of M  
for At Bureau &c

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Shrewsbury 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1843  
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Capt W. W. Barrett.

Secretary - views in relation to  
the affairs of the Otter River  
& the peculiar position of  
the Chief -



Shreveport La  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1868

Cal

Capt Birge and myself arrived here on the 25<sup>th</sup> last. I was very much disappointed at not finding something from you in answer to my letters of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept and 3<sup>rd</sup> last. But some what I see and hear here I guess you have been lately so much annoyed that you entirely overlooked me. well I always make proper allowance for all great men. But in future will be much pleased to hear from you. and will not promise that I will not raise a row, if again neglected.

Capt Birge and myself. marched into this Navy City with all the pomp and pride. belonging to the Cotton Bureau on the 25<sup>th</sup> + 26<sup>th</sup> last. One of the chief trains to be found in this Department + too we succeeded in getting it up with, out injury to the Country. we find a large Majority of the people perfectly willing to do all in their power to meet the wants of the Govt, and if we could only get rid of a few speculators in our Country, we would have no trouble they depreciate our currency. put up



price &c &c.  
Dear Dr. Sumner Much pleased at  
our success, and regretted exceedingly that  
you must not have to witness the scene as  
our trains passed along Texas Street.  
I tell you it was quite a sight to  
see the streets crowded with Wagners &  
Trains as far as the eye could see.  
Well, we have done the very best we  
could, and I think we have done exceedingly  
well. Taking into consideration the  
fact that we have been both quite sick  
since we set out.

Thus far we have gotten along remarkably  
well, find no difficulty in getting along  
with the people. have not been forced to  
recourse to imprisonment in one single instance.  
Now and then we meet up with ob-  
stacles, (as well as yourself) which greatly  
retard our progress, nevertheless with  
all this, we are still willing to work  
and do all in our power to protect  
the interest of our Country, provided  
however the Head of our Bureau is  
composed of a man with who we are  
acquainted and satisfied.

We hear it intimated here that you  
propose resigning. why what in the  
name of the Lord has happened. This  
frightens me, how can we want to do this



thing with the distinct understanding  
that you would be the Chief of our  
Bureau and direct and manage affairs  
for us and to we know you to be a  
man of liberal views, a thorough  
business man and a man of strict  
integrity, we were willing to make an  
effort with you, we have done so &  
worked hard, and are still willing  
to work with cheerful hearts, provided  
you remain at the head of our  
Bureau. But for here let me give  
you fair and timely warning, if  
you resign, I for one am out, I  
shall ask to be relieved at once &  
have no fears but that the St Paul  
Comdy. will grant my petition, he will  
know the sacrifice I made when  
I left this Post to go with your  
Capt Black very kindly receive us  
every assistance in his power, and by  
that by has been very serviceable to us,  
but I regret to see that he has been very  
much cramped since you left  
I hope to have the pleasure soon of  
meeting you in person, when we will  
talk matters over freely, for the present  
I am making Henderson Ruck Co Tex  
my head Q<sup>r</sup>s. and if you return  
here by stage, will pass directly -

through the place, and by all means  
call and see me.  
I must confess that ever since I heard  
of your dissatisfaction, I have been very  
much down in the mouth, and cannot  
work with that degree of cheerfulness  
necessary to secure success.  
Don't pass Windercon without seeing  
me. I am, Sir,  
Yours Obedt Servant  
St. J. W. A. Broadwell, Esq. St. J. Parish  
Chf. of Bureau. Capt. & A. Q. M.  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865



Nov <sup>23.</sup> 72<sup>32</sup> 1863

W. W. Bancroft

Henderson

In reference to the  
navigation of Sabine  
river. from Pecoski  
& Logansport.

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Miss  
Henderson Rusk Co Nov 12/63

Capt W. C. Black

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> last was only recd per this Mornings Mail, and after making enquiry from various person living on or near the Sabine River, whom I met in town today, I hasten to reply. I saw a Gentleman who lives some 3 miles from where we are storing Cotton, and read him your letter or that part referring to the falls. He really seemed surprised, and told me, that there were no falls amounting to any thing, any where near where we are storing Cotton. He however remarked that at the very lowest stage of water, there is a shoally Rocky place a short distance below Pulaski. But on a 3 foot rise they are not precisable, in fact all who I saw told me that when a Boat could leave Logansport, there was no sort of difficulty from Pulaski down.

I have last been informed that the people near where we are storing Cotton and Building Dikes, are grumbling considerably, we of course have to call upon them frequently for assistance in the way of negroes, tools, seams &c. and would not be surprised if this is not the falls. However Capt if you say haul to Logansport, I am in for any suggestion



you may make. for in your judgment I have  
great Confidence, at same time must say  
that I am fully persuaded that the naviga-  
tion of Satine is just as good from Pulaski  
as it is from Logansport.  
I don't think myself that it is ~~exceedingly~~  
prudent for us to store too much Cotton at  
any one place. But you must recollect  
that Pulaski and Logansport are the only  
two places from which shipments can be made  
easy of access to the Cotton. However I  
whatever you may say in the premises will  
suit me. if possible. I will try to go over  
one day soon and see in person how things  
are progressing at the Cotton shed.

I am making every arrangement  
to get my Master all under good head way  
out here, it will however take some time get  
to get through. when this is done. I expect  
to make my 4th Apr with you. in the mean  
time Capt. you must bear up patiently &  
make Dick Walsh and Joe Boiceau take  
all trouble off your hands. Nothing will give  
me more pleasure than to be with and consult you  
on all points pertaining to the Cotton Bureau.  
To estimate correctly for the flat Boat spoken  
of by us, I sent a Bill of Lumber to the saw  
mill to be priced by the miller, it has not  
yet been returned. Consequently cannot send you  
the estimate promised. But will do so as  
soon as I can get correct data, would  
however suggest that you send forward to  
Cal Broadwell. Messrs Moore & Shookers proposi-  
tion, for I certainly think it a good one

and probably Col 18 May accept it.  
I am having people  
to come to see me from far and near  
to hire the Wagons and Teams, and I think  
if I am not disturbed for the next month I  
shall be able to get quite as many as I  
shall need. The work of Conscripting the  
Negroes in this Section has began, and the  
farmers seem quite anxious to let me have  
now as many drivers as I want. By the  
15 or 18 I shall add to the Teams already  
hauling 20 more good Mule Teams.

I recd a letter from Col Broadwell  
on yesterday of date 5th Inst, from which  
I am was glad to see that there was  
some prospect of getting matters agreeably  
arranged.

I am left  
Yours obt Servt  
Chas W Branch  
Capt 1st Reg M  
for at Bureau 25m



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Henderson Nov. 31<sup>st</sup> 1863

W. W. Barret. Capt & Agt.

In reference to details.

Transportation Office  
For Post Bureau Room  
Wenderson Nov 3/63

Col I have just returned from a trip of 8 to 10 days journey to Kacey dook and Angelina Co. where I succeeded well in getting some teams. On my arrival here I found your favor of the 21st last, from which I am much pleased to see that you have at last got your Mother enter in ship shape. The trouble and annoyance you have had, has been very great. But I know of no man who has broader shoulders than yourself. I trust in the future all things will work well for you.

I have but little personal acquaintance with either of the Gents whose names you mentioned as composing the Bureau for this State. But from their reputation, I must say that you have made good selections. With a hand you applications for some Teamsters. forwarded some



Time since by me, and told during  
my absence. I particularly call your  
attention to Maj. Laves in document  
on the Back thereof. Can you not  
do me the kindness to call and see  
the Maj. and convince him that I am  
not only a Govt agt. but a Govt Officer,  
and that you will know. Special  
authority from Lt Col Smith to ask  
for such details, it is very true  
that I am not lost now skulking the  
cotton through to the Rio Grande but  
getting it away from exposed localities  
to safe points along on the route. So  
far I have asked for but very few  
details. Not wishing to thin our ranks  
in the field. But occasionally as in  
this instance I am forced to make an  
application. will you please assist me

I am glad to report, that we are  
still getting on well with our work,  
the weather and roads continue fine  
I am Col

Dr J. H. A. Broadwell  
Chf of lat Bureau  
D.S.M.

Your obt servt  
Dr D. B. Barrett  
Capt & Agt in  
Chf of lat Bureau

Dec 29 8/63 330

W. W. Barst

Henderson

In reference to  
Transportation



Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau S. F. M.  
Henderson Texas Decr 9/63

Capt The Bearer hereof Maj  
L. W. Hagan wishes to contract  
with the Cotton Bureau to transport  
from one to three thousand B/C. Maj  
H is a citizen of this Co. possessing  
large means, and a man of great energy.  
He keeps at his command of his own  
every thing. Necessary in the way of  
Hands, Mills, Wagons, Teams &c. Nec-  
essary to build Flat Boats. No doubt  
you can make a good contract with  
the Maj.

To Capt W. C. Black  
A. G. M.  
Shreveport

I am Capt  
Your obt servant  
W. W. Baruch  
Capt & A. G. M.

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau & S. M.  
Windenon Texas Dec 2/63

Capt

I put in yesterday from my trip to Cherokee and Nacogdoches Co. where I succeeded in getting about 30 more good teams which will report at your place by the 10 to 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

On my arrival here I found your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> ult. forwarded me by Capt Berge from Jefferson, from which I am much pleased to see that our matters are getting on pretty well, and too to see that you have dispatched a man in search of Bag & Rope, it will be greatly needed. In fact we cannot do without it.

On the subject of Flat Boat &c. I have to say, I hardly think it worth while meeting paper to make estimates, for I think that Horro & Moore's proposition is the very best we will ever get, would therefore respectfully suggest that it be at once closed. They are practical business men, and can



be fully relied upon.

I need a letter from  
Col Broadwell under date of  
18th. from which I see he has  
got things order ship shape and the  
Bureau composed for this State. He has had  
a world of trouble. Has he not, but  
in the future I hope things will  
work well for him.

I am, by agreement  
bound to be here on the 10th inst.  
after which time will begin to make  
preparation to visit you. in the  
mean time would be much pleased  
to hear from you.

I am Capt  
Your obt servt  
Capt W A Black  
J H Barrett  
A G M  
Capt & A G M  
Shreveport La  
for at Bureau

Dear Sir  
18th  
1830  
Henderson

to  
Capt W. C. Black  
J. G. M.  
Thompson & Co.

to Am. Capt  
J. M. C. Black  
J. G. M.  
Capt & J. G. M.

13th Decr 1863

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In reference  
to establish  
ing Foreign  
Dept in  
Panda Co  
Texas

to  
Capt W. C. Black  
J. G. M.  
Thompson & Co.



Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau S & M  
Newbern Decr 12/63

Capt.

Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> last is to  
hand this morning. I state specially what  
you say on the subject of establishing stage  
depots in Panola Co.

I have done all in the  
power of man to get some one app'd in  
that Co to collect the Litter Tax. Maj  
Arnold informs me that no agents can  
only be app'd by the G M app'd  
for the Congressional District to which said  
Co belongs, and as the G M for that  
District was captured and paroled by the  
enemy whilst on his way to Texas, the trouble  
and difficulty we have experienced is the  
result. He however informs me that a  
short time since this G M was exchanged  
and would at once enter upon the discharge  
of his duties and that perhaps by this time  
an agent for that Co has been app'd.  
I have sent Mr L D Hamilton a good  
reliable man over to look after stage in Pan-  
ola Co, and have no doubt but that he will  
make such arrangements as will be required to  
keep our route. I have also instructed him  
to keep at all times along on the road and



See that every thing was supplied, required  
for our friends.

After he will have passed  
over the road. I have instructed him to  
call on you and report the result of his  
work to you; and if you in your good  
doubt should see that he has left any  
thing undone, please order him right back  
along the road with such instructions  
as you may see proper to give.

I had hoped that ere  
now, I would have been able to have gone  
over the road myself, and put every thing  
in proper order; but contracting with  
Seamsters from dif<sup>t</sup> sections and making  
up my reports, return &c. has consumed  
my whole time.

In future I hope our part of the work  
will give you no trouble if however it  
should. But be patient and do what you  
can for us, and I promise that the same  
shall be fully reciprocated.

To  
Capt W C Black  
A G M  
Newport La

I am Capt  
Your obt Servt  
J H Barrett  
Capt & A. G. M

34th Decr 1863  
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In reference  
to collection  
ing money  
Report me  
Lancie Co  
to you



Decr. <sup>35</sup> 14. 1863  
Capt. W. W. Barrett. Agt.

In reference to details  
of laborers-

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau S. M.  
Henderson Texas Dec 14/63

Col

We have been looking for  
you along this way for several days past.  
Having heard through Capt Black that  
you were soon expected at Shreveport; but  
hoping that this may reach you before you  
leave Houston. I venture to write  
when I last had the pleasure of writing  
you, I asked of you the kindness to call  
and see for me Maj' E. H. Carr of  
the Labor Bureau on the subject of some  
details. Since when I have heard nothing  
from neither of you. Did you think  
to attend to the matter for me. if however  
you did not, please call and see the Maj'  
and have the details made out & sent forward  
to me.

Acting in good faith, and thinking I  
was doing nothing wrong. I put the parties  
to work at the time I made application  
for the details. Now in view of all which  
I do hope all you will assist me in  
the premises;

I am very glad to report our work  
still getting on finely. up to now we must



Long about your D/C on the Lake  
River and hope by the 1st day to have  
many others.

If (not too much trouble)  
get down and write me a long letter  
let me hear how you are getting on  
the general survey &c.

Hoping soon to have the  
pleasure of seeing you at this my  
place.

I remain  
Yours Obedt Servt  
St. C. H. of Portland  
Capt & A g'm  
Capt & A g'm  
Capt & A g'm

37  
Genderson 22<sup>nd</sup> Decr 63  
333

Capt W. W. Bantistue

Reports the willingness of  
Planters to sell one half  
of their cotton to the Govt  
Inquires what price will  
be paid them - Most of  
the cotton in the seed -

Suggestion, as to oak  
tied - & matting in stead of  
Bagging & Rope -



Transportation Office  
For Cotton Bureau S. M.  
Henderson Decr 22/63

Col.

Since you past through I have  
seen many of the Farmers in this Section  
owning Cotton. I find (without a single  
exception) all willing and ready to sell  
Wool and many all the Cotton they have  
to the Govt, they however desire to know  
what price will be paid them. But as  
there is no price mentioned by Col Nut-  
tings & others in their printed Circular  
of Decr 4<sup>th</sup>. I am unable to answer that  
question.

The most of the Cotton manufactured  
in this Section is yet in the Seed &  
I fear we shall have great trouble in  
procuring Bag & Rope. Can we not sub-  
stitute something in its place, I think  
we can. The White Oak Split makes  
a first rate Tie and will last always  
and I think we can make a Mat of  
White Oak Split to cover the Sides

and order. which will answer every purpose: Suppose you think of this, and see if you can suggest something better: We will be forced I fear to resort to something of this kind to get along at all

I shall leave for  
Shreveport on Saturday or Sunday next  
and in the course of 2 or 3 days thereafter will be with you, when I hope to find all things working well

Black

Very respects to Capt

Si

I am Cal

Your obt Servt

St Cal Met Broadmill  
Chf At Bureau Capt & A J M  
D. J. M

W. W. Barrett



London March 21 1868  
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Capt W. W. Barch

1235

Enclosing order on B. A. Martin  
for 1500 Bales, Fanning & Co -  
Deliver Special note on approval

file

Receipt Offr Cal Surm  
Henderson Wch 22/60  
Cal W. A. Broadwell

My Dear Cal

I wrote you  
on the 18th last, asking you to pro-  
cure a Special order from Depark  
Neub for and send me at once.  
I have now written urging the importance  
of this order, with request that you  
send it to me at once, & may need  
it in delivering the 1500 Bales to Messrs  
King & Co.

You will see that I have re-  
ceived the order given Mr Settle on  
My Cal a/ct B & K Martin in favor  
of King & Co for 1500 B/c to you

Receipt Off. Cal. Bureau  
Henderson Mch 29/65  
Cal. W. A. Broadwell.

My Dear Cal

I wrote you  
on the 18th last, asking you to pro-  
cure a Special order from Dep. Atty.  
Neub. and send me at once.  
I have written urging the importance  
of this order, with request that you  
send it to me at once. I may need  
it in delivering the 1500 Bales to Miss  
King & Co.

You will see that I have re-  
served the order given Mr. Settle on  
My Co. asst. B. & K. Martin in favor  
of King & Co. for 1500 B/c to you



for your approval, & don't  
intend to take any steps in such  
Matters without first being advised  
or endorsed by you or the Comd.  
Genl.

Your Obedt Servt

W. H. Bancroft

Capt & Adj. M.

Henderson 21<sup>st</sup> March 1865  
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Capt W. W. O. and.

1236

Enclosing Receipt for  
\$3000. from Capt Gamm

file

Receipt of J. H. Fawcett  
Henderson Wash DC, 60  
Col W. A. Broadwell

My Dear Col

I am last  
in Receipt of your Telegram of today,  
and hasten to enclose you my dupl  
Receipt as directed for (\$30,000) Thirty  
Thousand Dollars, when you see  
the funds, date and send me the  
Name of the Officer whose Name is  
filled in the Receipt the Date of Rec  
OC and send me the funds by  
the very first reliable chance,

Your obt Servt  
W. A. Fawcett  
Capt AGM



Hudson 23rd Mel 1865  
336

Capt W. W. Parish

1237

Regarding cotton tele furnished  
State of La - Enquiring about  
communication regarding Essex  
Johnson.

file

Receipt Off At Bureau  
Henderson Mch 29/68

Cat M A Broadwell  
Off At Bureau  
Cat

In Your letter  
to me of the 7th inst, you say  
that you write to Capt Wells on the  
2nd inst, ordering him to deliver to  
the La Salle apt 200 Bales Cotton,  
This with the 300 Bales for which  
I hold Mr Clapps Receipt will  
largely overman the 100 Bales originally  
ordered to be delivered, say 500 Bales.  
Now I respectfully ask if I must  
still send forward the Cotton left on  
the Trinity, for use of the State of

Shall be delivered to Mr. Clapp  
as heretofore, or must it be stored  
with Mr. Wedder, for use of the  
Govt.

I have <sup>not</sup> yet heard ~~nothing~~ from  
the papers in the Enell & Johnson  
Case, what has become of them, the  
Custom had not been delivered at ~~Heads~~  
up to the 10th Inst. If this Custom  
is lost, or becomes worthless from damage,  
No blame must be attached to me, I have  
done all in my power to protect the  
Govt interest in the Matter. Permit  
again Cal to ask you what must I  
do about the Custom at Enell. You have  
all the facts before you. Your obt Servt  
W. H. Barrett  
Capt & Co



Hudson 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1865

Capt H. W. Barch

1170

Wishes information regarding  
Cotton price and by Sir  
Westmoreland.

File

Transpt of Cal. for  
Henderson Mch 5/65

Cal MA Broadwell

Cal,

I have a lot  
of cotton reported to me as having  
been purchased by a Mr Westmoland  
agent for Richd Nugent & Co, (some  
doubt as to whether the cotton was  
actually purchased for R & Co) do  
you or Lt Sturgeson know of  
any cotton purchased by this Man  
Westmoland for R Nugent & Co,

Your Obedt Servt

W H Barrett

Lt Sturgeson

Has the permit forwarded  
to San Antonio ever been sent to your Office

Henderson 3<sup>d</sup> Dec 18

Capt W. B. Bunt

1781

Inquiring if permits  
may be decided -



Transpt Off At Bureau  
Tendered Decr 3/64  
Col W A Bradwell  
Cal

My Gentleman  
in this Co who turned me over  
More Cotton than all the Cal (which  
Cotton I am last (Now getting they  
acquiring) receive their permit divi  
ided, for instance, for the one who  
turned over 200 Bales, he make a  
permit for 200 & for 50 Bales,  
is there any impropriety in such a case

Truly Yours W A Bradwell  
over Capt A G M

Private

Wm. Russell told  
me that he had secured  
for you at Thompsons Loan  
for your Ambulance, send it  
along, I want to do your job  
right away.

By the way, Can you not  
come out and spend Christmas  
Holiday with us. Miss  
Paulsuckle says, they are going  
to have a gay time of it &  
would be pleased to have  
your company; Come, & bring Capt  
Stevenson along with you, Barret

339  
Hendrick. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 64

Capt W. W. Banch

765

In regard to funds  
to pay for freight  
Expenses & train



Receipt of Cal Bureau  
Received Nov 30/64  
Cal M. A. Broadwell

My Dear Cal

I am last in  
Receipt of your favor of the 28th  
last, from which I am much pleased  
to see that I may soon expect to  
get some funds, I dread to be  
in debt more than any Man you  
ever saw,

This Morning I am in receipt of  
another heavy freight Bill on shoes  
&c shipped my agent at Fairfield.

the with other freight Bills  
already due, and my Trains to  
be paid since 1st Sept last &  
the Cotton I have purchased & get  
to be paid for, leaves me over-  
whelmingly in debt. it will take  
from two fifty to three Hundred  
Thousand Dollars to straighten me  
up to Long 100, great god.  
this is more money than I ever dreamt  
to handle, much less one that aint,  
it is frightful to think of. and I  
ask you, as you appreciate me in  
trouble, to do all in your power

to relieve my Mind from the heavy  
weight,

I have just advised Maj<sup>r</sup>  
Wagoner of the Shipment of Shoes  
by C&E Case to my apt at Fair-  
field, the Blankets &c I hope  
will reach Waco by the time  
my Train reach there.

This Morning I sent forward to  
Savacota for Capt Black 182  
etc. the bal of his lot will  
forward this week. Truly yours

W. H. Canby

Capt &c. &c.



W. M. Beach

May & June  
Aug & Sept  
Dec

279 5  
229 3 from Albany  
40 3 left Antonio  
678

Dec 11 Rm 14 all

51

11 Sand & Gravel

54

783

Henderson Incl 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

3 1/0

Capt W. W. Banch.

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Asking if funds were drawn  
from Major Haynes,

file

Call Broaden

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ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT.....

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BY TELEGRAPH FROM.....

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To.....

Did you draw the funds  
from Maj Haynes for me  
Send it out by first safe chance  
Answer

H. W. Barrick

18 Feb 1080,

Capt & Agon



341  
Henderson 27<sup>th</sup> yr.

W. M. Bant.

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Dispatch asking  
for copy of receipt  
of all funds trans-  
ferred

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Sept 27 1864

By Telegraph from Henderson 27 1864

To Capt H. C. Barker

under 1st Artillery Bureau

Major H. C. Barker

Respectfully

All kinds

H. C. Barker  
Capt & agent

Sept 27

Sept 27

Henderson, 16<sup>th</sup> June 1844  
342

W. W. Bancroft Esq.

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Dispatch of  
the train of S.P.  
Cannon in charge of  
St. Lawrence, P.



~~at and by command~~

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

~~By Telegraph from~~ *16<sup>th</sup>* 1864

~~To~~ *16<sup>th</sup>* 1864

~~By Telegraph from~~  
~~To~~  
~~By Telegraph from~~  
~~To~~  
The ~~General~~ is here with  
a train of ~~15~~ *15* wagons  
loaded with sugar. He  
says for the state of La for  
transport to the West. I wish  
you would see Gov  
Allen & ask him if this  
sugar is bona fide state prop-  
erty. If it is not I want him  
to haul out a load of cotton.

*W H Barrett*  
*Capt & Gen*

343 Henderson, Texas  
W. W. Parsh. Capt & Co. M.  
March 12th 1864

Commenting upon the rules  
of the Texas Office as not  
applicable to his District  
<sup>in the purchase of cotton</sup>  
because of the remoteness of  
Depots established as points  
of delivery —

349 Anderson, Texas  
W. W. Parsh. Capt & A. J. M.  
March 12th 1864

Commenting upon the rules  
of the Texas Office as not  
applicable to his District  
<sup>in the purchase of cotton</sup>  
because of the ~~remoteness~~ of  
Depots established as points  
of delivery —



Procurement & Purchasing  
Office for the Cotton Bureau  
Henderson Tex March 12 1864

Colonel:

I have the honor to ack your  
returned favors of the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> inst

The modification of Special  
Order No 574, is equivalent to its being re-  
voked; as it now stands, it will afford  
no remedy for the evil it was intended to  
correct.

Referring to yours of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
I clearly understood that I was authorized  
to purchase, from parties wishing to make  
such sales, one half of their Cotton, paying  
therefor such funds as I now have; and,  
that an exemption from impressment would  
be granted for a like quantity; the portion  
sold to the Govt to be delivered at Depots  
to be established, the distance not to exceed  
Twenty five miles.

The conditions of the  
Texas Office require the portion sold to the  
Govt to be delivered at Depots so remote  
from this section that it is simply an  
impossibility, for the present holders of the

Cotton in the country to comply therewith,  
a large portion of them being without  
transportation. The terms of payment  
are too indefinite to give satisfaction.

The largest portion of the Cotton,  
is now held by Country Merchants, who  
have taken it in payment of debts, and  
for goods sold. Such men say, and  
as I think very justly, that they are holding  
Cotton to enable them to discharge obligations  
contracted in good faith, previous to the  
commencement of the War - That, if the  
Govt takes all their cotton, it will leave  
them hopelessly involved - That, they are  
ready & willing to aid the Govt with one half  
their cotton, provided they have some assurance  
that the remainder can be securely held.

What the People demand, is,  
that some clear, settled policy shall be  
adopted, with regard to this article, & steadily  
pursued. When this is done, the wants of the  
Govt made known, the proper arrangements  
made for purchasing one half & granting  
the exemption for the remainder, my  
observation leads me to think there will  
be no difficulty in obtaining any amount of  
Cotton required.

I respectfully submit these  
observations for your consideration, being



fully satisfied, that without some such course  
is adopted, Cotton cannot be obtained  
without impressment, which will have  
a very serious effect upon the people of the  
Country and cause general dissatisfaction

I trust you will, at  
an early day, advise me fully upon this  
subject, and indicate clearly the course  
to be pursued, as it appears I am some-  
what mistaken in my construction of  
former instructions.

I am, Colonel, very respectfully  
Your obedient servant  
H. W. Baruch  
Chief of Cotton Bureau  
Thereport  
La



31/1  
 Anderson 14th Mar 1864  
 W W Barrett Esq  
67.

Giving notice of his  
 Capt Birge  
 intended visit to  
Shrewsbury

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at

Mar 14 - 64

By Telegraph from

Henderson Mar 14 - 64

To Col Broadwell

Capt - Berge & myself will be at -  
 Shreveport - on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> inst -  
 W W Barrett  
 Capt & A. G. M

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Tyler Smith Co. Texas  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 1864.

S. H. Bover

to

R. B. Barnett Capt. 9<sup>th</sup> Regt.

In regard to the  
confusion created in the  
cotton market by Mr.  
Isaacs & other  
speculators &c.

Enclosed 25<sup>th</sup>  
Respectfully referred  
to L. R. Isaacs,  
with the remark  
that Capt Barnett  
has been instructed  
by an order from  
Dept. 11<sup>th</sup>, & us to  
inspect the cotton  
of all traders who  
pay more than the  
market price.

W. A. Broadwell  
L<sup>th</sup> Col



Purchasing & Transport App  
for Cotton Bureau D S W  
Henderson March 24/64

Cal

Enclosed I send you letter  
from D N Brown My Co ask for Smith  
Co. from which you can see what our friend  
Isaacks is doing; I have been hearing for  
some time back of his operations in Smith  
and the adjoining Cos. But declined meeting  
you on the subject untill I got it from  
more reliable source. He is doing all that he  
can to prostrate the operations of Govt App  
and prejudice the minds of the people against  
those who are purchasing strictly for use of the  
Govt; Now Cal. I regret exceedingly to annoy you  
so much about such things. But I again say to  
you that something must be done at once to stop

This conflict if Mr Snacks and others  
are authorized to purchase cotton for use of  
the C D Cont. I want to know it, or if  
he has any authority to purchase at all; if  
he has, he certainly ought to be brought under  
the same restrictions of Capt Birge and my-  
self; how can you expect us to accomplish  
any thing, when there are so many difficulties  
in our way, we labour hard to discharge the  
duties assigned us. But I fear it will be  
production of no good, unless the Lt Genl  
Comd'y will issue some order by which these out-  
sides may be horned off.

I respectfully ask that you forward this  
with Mr Horne's letter at once to Genl Smith  
and request him to take action in the premises  
To Col W A Broadwell I am at your obdt Servt  
Chas At Bureau  
D.S.M.  
W. O. Ranch  
Capt & D.S.M.



Tyler Smith Co Texas  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Capt ~~W W~~ Bane

Dear Sir

I am informed  
by good and reliable men of this County  
that Mr Isaac is creating great confusion  
in the Cotton Market of this County, by telling  
~~the people~~ <sup>the people</sup> that the Govt. is making preparation to  
impress very soon all the cotton in this section  
at much less rates than I am authorized to  
pay, I am also informed that he is sending  
agents to other Co's in your District making the  
same representations, his motive for doing this is  
to induce the people to sell to him their cotton.  
I merely mention this, that you may see what is  
going on, and to say that unless such a course is  
stopped you need not expect much from me in the way  
of purchasing, Truly yours

J H Boser



96 314.6  
Transportation & Exchange  
Office for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson March 22<sup>d</sup> 1864

Mr. W. Barret  
Capt. & A. G. M.

To  
Lt. Col. M. A. Broadwell.

In reference to the  
actions of Mr. Carey  
agent for Major Hart.  
of the Cotton  
& Speculators in Texas.

Transportation & Purchasing  
Office for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson, March 22, 1864

Colonel:

When you arrived home, I  
found a letter from A. M. Smith, Agent  
for Shelby Co, in which he says: "Mr  
Casey, Agent for Major Hart, is still  
purchasing cotton & from all the information  
I can obtain, I say to you, in confidence,  
that he is doing all he can against you in  
your cotton operations"

He further says, "I do not believe I will  
be able to purchase much cotton, a man  
by the name of E. Murdock is buying all  
that he can find for sale & paying from  
30 to 35 cents per lb. He resides near Mansfield  
La, is a refugee from lower Red River, and  
is hauling his cotton to Taylor's Division and  
selling, as he says, to the Yankees through  
one of our Govt agents"

The same state of  
things exists in other counties, as I  
have before represented to you. I therefore  
hope you will submit this matter to  
A. M. Smith, and that he will take

steps to stop the operations of such  
parties. Unless this is done, it is useless  
to expect the people to sell cotton to  
the Govt at 25¢ when they are offered  
30¢ to 35¢ by these speculators.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully

Yours very truly  
Wm. W. Baruch  
Capt. & Genl.



30 Jan'y 1864.  
W. W. Barrett.  
Agill. 347

Asking to have  
an officer assigned  
to duty in the Coll.  
Dept. to act in the  
Cotton Bureau.

Std. gus. Cotton Bureau  
Hempden 12 July 1864.

Approved. & reply  
forwarded through Lt  
Col. O. Benson. to  
whom the facts stated  
herein, are known.

It is in contemplation  
to send 3 or 400 wagons  
with cotton to Gen. Grant  
on Eagle Pass. and  
Col. O. Benson will  
please endorse his  
views as unfully  
expressed.

W. T. Broadwell  
Lt Col & Chief  
of Cotton Bureau.

If the trains go to  
Gen. Grant. it is expected  
that they will return  
with ordnance & gun  
stones,

After transportation after  
Cotton Bureau by way  
L. Col. W. A. Brownell, Hudson Texas 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 1867  
Chief of Cotton Bureau  
Colonel.

We find it impossible to get any officer from  
Col. O'Garra to assist us in the management  
of the business under our control: it is gradually  
increasing & assuming very formidable proportions.

In view of the constant interruptions  
in our arrangements by the transfer of portions  
of our trains to other Departments, and  
increased calls that will be made upon us,  
by the extensive plans of the Bureau as  
developed by yourself, we have to announce  
that it will be utterly impossible to do what  
is expected & take care of the public property  
with which we are intrusted, without the  
assistance of at least three efficient Quarter  
Masters

One train is now at San Antonio,  
over forty wagons to bring such clothing  
for Major Hayes - another has been sent  
to Alexandria, to haul guns & ordnance -  
a portion of our wagons were used to haul  
Govt Stores from Falls through to Fulton  
Twenty or thirty wagons are now in the  
hands of the Engineer Dept. to move the  
pontoons



We have been ordered to furnish 40 or 50 Wagons to do post duty here.

We are left ourselves in the interior, one at Jefferson, and the other at Henderson, as the only remedy against ~~high irregularity~~, the are compelled to ask that two officers be given at once to assist in looking after the property.

At the Dept Commander will appoint Richard Walsh & E C Payne, both discharged soldiers, who have been in our employ, and are familiar with Quartermaster duty; it will remedy evils for the present, and we respectfully request that they be commissioned, with orders to report to us. Both gentlemen are men of integrity, business habits and experience, unfit for camp duty and can give bonds that will be approved by Col O Fannon, and as Col O Fannon reports the number of officers in his Dept inadequate to meet the requirements of the service, we think the public service would be promoted by appointing them aside from the imperative necessity which exists with us to control their services in order to accomplish what you intend to require of us.



Our time and energies prior to this  
period have been taxed to their utmost  
capacity and it must appear clear  
to you that it will be utterly im-  
possible to do what you have said  
out in addition, without further  
help

Your obt Servant  
W. W. Barrett  
Capt U. S. A.

Henderson Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1865

31/8  
Capt W. W. B. and

1261

Had written Capt Wolfe  
regarding release of bonds

File

Transpt Off At Bureau  
Henderson Mich 3/60

Cal W A Broadwell

My Dear Cal

I have written  
to Capt Walke Depot 2 M  
and requested him to release my team  
by the 1st of April. I wish  
you would see him and have this  
matter attended to, have the teams  
ordered to report to Mr Walsh  
who will load them with cotton and  
send forward to this place. If they  
should need any repairs &c before  
loading please get Capt Walke to  
have it done at his Shop. Yours truly

W A Lamb  
Capt 2nd Regt



London Incl 31. 1865  
34/7

Capt W. W. Barrett

1262

Has recd receipt for £1000.—  
Offered to deliver Bouldin & Co  
their cotton but they were not  
ready to receive it.

file

Shrewsbury La.  
April 20 1865

Respy forwarded  
to account for  
the delay in not  
furnishing the  
of the cotton deliv-  
ered recd Bouldin  
& Co. recently  
demanded by the  
county court

W. A. Bouldin  
S. C. Col

EVB

800

Transpt Off At San  
Francisco Feb 3/60

D Ripley

Q M apt

My Dear Sir

I have Gons  
of the 27th & 30th Inst. enclos-  
ing Richd Walsh Receipt for  
the 10000, all right &c.

As regards the Cotton for  
Messrs Baldwin and Sewell I  
have to say, that I have not yet  
delivered them the Cotton. Consequently  
cannot give Weight &c., when Mr  
Sewell presented his order to me  
from Genl Smith on the 9th Inst  
for the 832 Bales of Cotton & Sail.

to him that I was ready to deliver  
the Cotton at once. Mr S. replied  
that he was not ready to receive it  
but that he would push forward  
West and send back Transportation  
in charge of an agent who would  
be authorized to see and receipt  
for the Cotton, which fact I com-  
municated to Genl Rogers on the  
same day the order was presented  
by Mr Semell.

Hoping that this will be fatigue  
ing &c &c

I remain  
Your obt Servt  
W H Carter  
Capt &c &c



Memorandum 29th Nov  
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Capt W. W. B. B. B.

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Enclosing Circular

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Transf'd to Cat Bureau  
Wendover Nov 24/64

Al W. A. Broadwell

to Cat Bureau

Al

Dear Sir,

Your Circular, which I propose  
publishing and sending forth in  
the Diet, I enclose it for your  
inspection, with request that you  
make such changes as you may  
deem necessary, & forward it back  
to the office. Truly yours

W. H. Garrison  
Capt. & Co.

Henderson 23<sup>rd</sup> Feby 1865

351  
Capt W. W. Barrett,

1131

Needs a mass and good  
baking Rafe.

file



Transit Office at Bremen  
Henderson Febry 23/65

Cal W. A. Goodwell

My Dear Cal

Wreck of the  
Cotton Since the late Wet Spell, loaded  
at Liverpool and other places, is in  
wretched condition by the time it reaches  
here, in fact I am forced to repair  
the greater portion before it can go  
forward, consequently have had recently  
to pay several pretty heavy bills for  
rebaling &c,

In view of the fact that we will have  
much more of the same work to do, would  
it not be a great saving for the Govt  
to purchase a press from some planter

Move it in, and do our own  
work in this line, I think I can get  
a good one for \$ or thereabouts.

When in Buck when inspected seems  
to be in good condition, but when  
moving come all to pieces,

Can you furnish me some good  
Baling Rope

Your old Servant  
W. H. Smith  
Capt. R. J. M.

116  
Henderson Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 65  
35-2  
Capt W. W. Baruch  
923

Will forward permits for record  
in a few days. - The largest  
holders of cotton in 3 counties  
refuse to sell Govt, influenced to  
such a course by Mr E Clapp  
Requests order for improvement  
abover and recommend Agents  
Will be able to increase trans-  
portation this month & next.  
What has become of Capt Stinson's  
cotton?

file



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Transportation Office at Suva  
Framingham January 6th 1863.  
Col. H. A. Broadwell  
Col.

I have just returned  
to my post finding everything going on as usual,  
the most of the cotton for which I had given per-  
mits has now been sold. Many of the parties however  
had to make bagging & Spin Rope before they could  
turn over, consequently the great delay with some  
of it. In a few days I will make up all per-  
mits to be given by me, and forward them to  
your Office for record &c.

The largest cotton holders in Macao docks  
Smith & Son Augustines Co. refuse to turn over  
or sell any portion of their cotton to the Govt.

My Colonel Agents tell me that these parties  
have been influenced to such a course by our  
mutual friend Emory Clapp, who has thrown  
~~himself~~ his name on the operations of the cotton  
Bureau on all occasions.

In justice to those who have willingly sold  
or turned over half their cotton in these ports  
I would advise that you issue at once such  
circular orders and instructions as you gave  
Mr. Williams of Choctaw Co. and order the  
cotton of all such parties impounded at once  
if you take my suggestion. I would advise  
that you appoint A. A. Moon of Macao docks

Family & Dr H Crouch of San Augustine. to  
do the work. They are both respectable and  
reliable gentlemen & exempt from conscription  
Set your orders and instructions before  
me & I feel satisfied that they will  
act promptly and accomplish much in  
a short time.

923 Mr C. induces the people to believe  
that neither you or Genl Smith can order the  
improvement of Cotton. Your order to  
Mr Williams I am told are scaring the  
people up to action in Cherokee. and I  
guess just such order in other Counties will  
have a similar effect. The large Cotton holders  
in the Counties before mentioned. have not  
done their part. Nor will not until a few  
improvements are made. If you act on  
my suggestions at all, do so at once

I think during this and the next  
month that I will be able to increase my  
transplantation largely. Many are already  
responding to my circular and I feel confident  
that I will secure a good many more.

What has become of Capt Stevenson's Cotton  
did you ever send Dick Walsh to receive  
it I am scarce of help & cannot get any  
extra assistance

I am Sir  
Yours obt Serv  
W H Baker  
Capt & Agt

333  
Henderson. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1864

Capt W. W. Bant.

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Enquiring about  
permits —

file



Transpt B & Co. Bureau  
N. Y. or San. Diffy  
Col W. A. Broadwell  
Col

When in Receipt  
I will let you with Capt Black  
Several permits for Genl Smith  
Signature, Record &c, will you  
do me the favor to look them  
up and send them forward.  
The bal of my permits I will  
get ready & send up to you as  
soon as possible. Truly yours  
W. A. Smith  
Capt & 2nd

Henderson May 11<sup>E</sup> 1865

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Capt W. W. Baruch

1350

Information in regard to  
cotton received for transportation

Transportation Office  
Henderson May 11. 1865

Colonel:

I have your favor of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. in reply -  
there was no cotton left on the road by Crenshaw  
Sumner at the time mentioned - They had but half bales  
and it was all delivered - I think Capt Black or  
Mr Walsh have Kiddens receipt

In reply to Mr Ripley of the same date, - my  
report was made from that of Mr Walsh - if  
the receipts mentioned were not included, I must  
account for the cotton. I requested Mr Walsh  
to report all cotton received prior to 1st Jan'y, and  
supposed he had so reported - he can explain the  
matter. I have been confined to my bed for  
the past 10 days; as soon as I am able to ride I  
am going home & shall remain until fully recovered.  
I have written Capt Price for a copy of my Wagon  
Marten receipts for cotton received at Indian - I  
cannot send the required receipts until I hear from  
him.

I am Colonel, very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

John W. A. Swadlow  
Threshport  
La

W. W. Barret  
Capt. & Gen  
Thresh



Henderson 12<sup>th</sup> May 1865  
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Capt W. W. Barch

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Enclosing application of  
C/R Balfour for release  
of transportation

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Transportation Office  
Henderson May 12. 1865

Colonel: I am to be up to day for the first time for a week: have had a severe attack of Rheumatism, in fact have suffered a thousand deaths

I write you merely to say that every thing out here is in a perfect state of excitement and confusion, the whole country entirely demoralized

Pirate parties running teams in my employ are taking them away every day - and those who have teams with the Mule Teams at Shreveport swear that they will run and get their teams & negroes, saying they have worked for nothing long enough

I apprehend that no more Cotton will be delivered upon my order - the people seem to think that there is a general smash up & each one intends to hold on to what is in his possession - in fact I fear for the safety of the Cotton I have stored here if this state of things is to continue - some steps should be taken to protect public property scattered through the country. You might show this to the Genl. but to no one else. I expect to leave for home tomorrow or next day.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servant

Wm. H. Bradwood  
Shreveport  
La

W. H. Barret  
Capt & Qm

Henderson Las May 12. 1865

Captain:

I very respectfully ask that my teams <sup>& drivers</sup> employed in the public service, under your direction, may be returned to me. They have now been in the service since Oct 1863, and I would willingly continue them, but I am unable to purchase provisions for family use with the money received for their hire. As you are aware I am a refugee from La, and am dependant on the hire of my teams for the purchase of provisions. Two of my drivers are concubed negroes - I have three in the service, two Mule Teams & one Ox Team  
A grm Captain,

Capt W W Foster  
A grm  
Henderson  
Texas

Very respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant  
C. R. Balfour



21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864  
356  
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Capt W. W. Barrett—  
Application for two  
R. M. for the Cotton  
Bureau—

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau D.S.M.  
Henderson Jan'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Col Herewith I send your  
application to Noul for A Peddon for  
two or three for - for Departs. which  
I hope may be granted  
I am Col  
H. Col W. of Broadwell Your obt servt  
Chf of Bureau W. H. Barret  
D.S.M. Capt V. A. G. M.  
A

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

W W Barret

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On the Subject of a  
guard at Sabine

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> July

And. 5<sup>th</sup> "



Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Anderson Febry 3/64

Sr

Your favor of the 1<sup>st</sup> last  
reached me this Morning, in which you  
suggest the propriety of keeping a constant  
watch over the Cotton stored on the Sabine.  
This course I have urged for some time.  
but have been unable to procure what I  
considered a suitable guard. If A.C.B.  
thinks advisable and I direct One. I can  
place there as a guard some of the most  
reliable Negroes in my employ. But would  
much prefer white men: I am sure I can get  
a guard of some 8 or 10 White men from  
the Troops in and about Shreveport  
To St. Louis Nader

Shreveport

Your old Servant  
J. D. D. D. D.  
Capt & Co

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Henderson. 5<sup>th</sup> Feby 1864

Capt W. W. Barrett Agt.  
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His views in reference to the  
purchase of Cotton in his  
District-

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

N. Anderson Feb 11/61

Col.

From letters recd from my different  
agents in my District I am induced to believe  
that much more Cotton can be purchased than  
I had any idea of when I first commenced  
operations. The great and only trouble now  
to be feared is the procuring of Bag & Rope  
to pack Seed Cotton. If we could procure  
Bag & Rope, much might be done in the way  
of buying Seed Cotton. I believe it can  
be bought at from 3 to 3 1/2 per hundred pounds  
in seed, equal to 12 to 13 ¢ Baled only.  
I have instructed my agents in different Cos  
to furnish me at their earliest convenience  
a statement of both Baled and Seed Cotton  
in their respective Cos, when this is done



July 5/64  
Capt J. H. Bland

I will make up and forward  
a Consolidated report of the Cotton  
Dist. from which you can form some  
idea as to what may be expected of me.  
So far we are getting on finely transporting  
May Thomas Sugar. I fear his Sugar will  
come out before we are ready to resume  
Cotton Hauling. Please call his attention to  
the fact that my Stagers are all going  
back light. if he has any thing on my  
Dist. would like very much to haul it  
in to Newport for him.

I leave for home on the 17th Inst. I shall be  
absent some 10 to 20 days. when I return I hope  
to be able to forward you good reports &c

Yours obt Servant  
J. H. Bland  
J. H. Bland  
J. H. Bland

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Henderson 1st Feb 1864.

Capt W W Barret. Agill.

Inte regard to Mr Edwards  
his proposals.

Nothing done

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Henderson, Mich. 1/6/4

Cable

I wrote you a few days since from  
Saco, looking Texas, introducing Mr. Edwards  
an old and for many years a very successful  
Merchant of that County. I don't write you  
on the same subject merely to say that he  
is one of the most reliable men in our Co.  
He has done a great deal for our cause from  
the very beginning of the war, and is still  
ready and willing to do all in his power  
to assist the cause. He visits you at  
the suggestion of Maj. Arnold, G. B.  
and myself. To see if some arrangement  
can be made with you by which he can  
bring into our Dept a cargo of string  
supplies clothing &c; Mr. Edwards



is one of the wealthiest Citizens of our  
County, and having done heretofore a very  
large and satisfactory Mercantile business  
abroad. Can bring to bear in foreign Courts  
many influences which will secure for him  
success in any Contract he may make with  
you; knowing the great necessity for making  
Contracts with reliable and responsible men.  
I therefore write you this in his behalf &  
urge you to give him a trial, you will  
find him a plain frank and candid gentleman  
one who is not disposed to cheat or take  
advantage in any transaction. His propositions  
you will find fair and reasonable, and he  
is not disposed to gobble up the whole by  
at a small one.

Col. H. A. Broadwell  
Chf. of the Bureau

Your obt. Servant  
W. O. Barrett

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Harrison Texas  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mch. 1864

Capt W. W. Barrett. Agt.

Asking instructions in  
regard to the employment  
of transportation under  
his charge - Competition  
by State Agts. in the  
purchase of cotton -

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Henderson March 2/64

At

The Month allotted for meeting Teams  
hauling Sugar &c. has now expired. and as  
we have pretty well consumed all the Tithe  
forage on the road to Rock Texas, and having  
hauled the  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sugar required by  
Maj Thomas. I would respectfully ask what  
is next to be done. My Teams and Wagons  
are all in good Condition. and ready for any  
service you may suggest; Tithe forage in this  
Section is becoming very scarce. and I would  
recommend the Teams be placed at work  
in some other Section where forage is more abun-  
dant; I have sent forward to McKinney Collins  
& Co to go to 70 Wagons to Load with  
flour for Maj R M Davis Co. They



will report at Shreveport by the 20th  
Inst. In the Mean time the remainder of my  
Team can be put such work as you  
may suggest.

I solicit an early answer  
to my letter of the 28th ulty. I fear  
unless something can be done by yourself &  
Gen Smith to prevent Speculators from  
overbidding us for Cotton, I shall have  
to make unsatisfactory reports from a por-  
tion of my District

At Wm Broadwell  
By At Bureau  
A. M.

I Am Ad  
Your obt Servt  
W. H. Parish  
Capt & A M

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Henderson 3<sup>d</sup> Feb 64

Capt. W. W. Barrett Esq.

In regard to the funds  
in the hands of Col  
O'Bannon -

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Anderson Mich 2/64

Col. Please call Col Cannon  
attention to the fact that I shall now very  
soon need the ~~fifty~~ Fifty Thousand Dollars to  
the A of the Cotton Bureau with him. My  
1st Dr. in this year ends on the 1st Inst. Then  
I am obliged to have it, or fail to meet  
my promises. Please attend to this promptly  
for me, as it is very necessary for me to  
meet my contracts punctually

Col  
W. A. Goodell  
Asst. At Bureau  
D. P. M.

I am  
Your obt Servant  
W. A. Goodell  
Capt & A. G. M.



Handwritten 3624 Ellen  
1864.

Capt W. W. Barrett. Agt.

In regard to the action  
of Mrs. Hart's agents  
purchasing Cotton

Answer

# ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at 4<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Telegraph from Henderson 4<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Col. R. B. Riddle  
 Agents Int. Tel. Co. Shelby County  
 have come in contact with  
 one of Mr. Harts in the purchase  
 of Cotton - creating some confusion  
 What - must - I do - must - I respect -  
 Harts - Agent - Answer immediately  
 as my agent - is here -  
 38pd 9 11.40 W. W. Barrett

Henderson 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1865

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Capt W. W. T. Garret

1142

Telegram, advising that there  
were 2500 Bales in this  
District including 450 of madder  
Balm.

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Col Roadroc



# ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Shreveport La 6 1865

BY TELEGRAPH FROM New Orleans La 6 1865

To Col Broadwell

I think now I can say there will  
be in my District twenty five hun-  
dred bales cotton acquired under  
Special Order No 304 including seven  
hundred fifty bales ~~200~~ <sup>200</sup> W Stea  
ralue & Co in Harrison County  
37 m p d 22.20.

Pr W Barnett  
Capt Dagm

Henderson 10<sup>th</sup> Mch 1864

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W. W. Barret.

Capt. ret. Ag. 66  
65.

Asking for A. M. funds  
Three Hundred Thousand  
Dollars required -

Transportation & Purchasing  
Office for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson, March 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col W A Bradwell  
Chief of Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport, La

Colonel: I am duly in receipt of your valued favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. The County Agents are reporting and I am furnishing them with funds, for the purchase of Cotton, and hope soon to be able to report favourably of their success. I shall require a further amount of funds, for this purpose, within a short time, and would suggest that a portion of the bonds in the hands of Captain Black, be exchanged, for notes.

I have sent 70 Wagons to N. M. Hill, Collins County, for Flour, by request of Maj. Lewis; as soon as they return, my Train will be in readiness for the trip to San Antonio. Considering so large a Train, it will be absolutely necessary that Captain Birge or my self should accompany it. I think this could be arranged, & whoever remained could attend to the purchasing in both Districts.



I should like the trip myself, and if not incompatible with the business of the General Store, I may be sent.

I shall require Three Hundred Thousand Dollars from General Store, by the close of the present quarter, to enable me to pay off my claims and to make the necessary preparations for going to San Antonio.

With regard to the loss of Sugar. I have heard of but one instance of Sugar being stolen; and, in that case, the Sugar was loaded at San Antonio with the head out, - the Wagon Master protecting against stealing it.

A large portion of the Sugar was in no condition for transportation and should have been consumed in San Antonio.

Among all of my Wagon Masters are men whom I have known for years, and I have every confidence in their integrity and capacity. If a Wagon Master does his duty, it is not a position of ease; and in my opinion, none but an able bodied man, equal to any such duty, is qualified for the place.

In the above mentioned case, every effort was used to recover the Sugar, since the Agent duty charged.

Permit me to call your attention to my  
letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, in reference to the exemption  
to be given to parties for one half their Cotton,  
on their selling the other half to the  
Govt.

I am much in want of a Letter  
Book - if possible, please send me  
one by Courier, or as may be found  
most convenient

I have the honor to be, Col, very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

W. W. Barret  
Capt & Adj M

Henderson 25<sup>th</sup> July 1865

Capt W. W. Trench

1126

Trains all water & burned  
needs a cotton press

Shenandoah  
2<sup>nd</sup> week 1865

has refused to let  
Beck for his  
information -

W. A. Beaudant  
S. C. C. C.

(To be returned)



Receipt of Cash

Henderson Aug 27/69

Cal W A Broadwell

My Dear Cal

I have three  
Whale Trains beyond the Trinity  
River where they have been laying  
up Water bound for the last 3  
Weeks, all loaded with Stones  
for Shreveport, today I had a Train  
to return, having stored their Cotton on  
this side of the Trinity, the W Master  
bringing back the Ferryman & Artificer  
showing that it was impossible to trip  
the River with his Trains.

Last Night and today we are having  
again terrible rains, the with what

we have ~~had~~ <sup>hired</sup> ~~hiring~~ <sup>hire</sup> will render  
the ~~road~~ and ~~streams~~ <sup>high</sup> of this  
impassable. ~~From what am I to do~~  
here I am, with 100 Seams or hands  
(~~from May day~~) <sup>laying up</sup> doing nothing  
with pay, ~~horses~~ and ~~cutting~~ <sup>going</sup>  
on daily, while the ~~water~~ <sup>water</sup> fills  
the ~~road~~ <sup>road</sup> ~~improves~~ <sup>improves</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~let~~ <sup>let</sup> ~~be~~  
well for me, and a great ~~saving~~ <sup>saving</sup> to  
the Govt. to haul with all the  
Seams from Red River out this far  
and here ~~store~~ <sup>store</sup> and ~~repair~~ <sup>repair</sup> and then  
when the roads become passable, ~~go~~  
westward by doing this we can  
keep the Seams employed, and remove  
them from exposed localities.  
I wrote to you the other day on

the Subject of Purchasing a Cotton  
Press, Permit Me again to Mention  
the Matter and urge the importance  
I feel the most of the More &  
More every day, for instance all  
the Cotton last arriving from Thrift  
(& Dublin) must be retailed  
before it can go further,

Please write me at once, giving me  
your Views fully in answer to this

I am Sir

Your obt Servt

W<sup>m</sup> St Paul

Capt & Agt



Henderson Mech 4, 1865

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Capt W. W. Barch

1169

Cotton taken by Sighting  
much to mass

Franklin G. Cat. Amos  
J. Ripley Hudson N.H. 4/68  
My Dear Sir

I have yours  
of the 24<sup>th</sup> Feby, the Cotton  
Per Singletary sent forward to  
Waco.

I hope you may succeed in  
getting Tom's Book Sat. (one for me),  
and you send me up a letter  
Book too.

Tell friend Miller not to become  
discouraged, be of good cheer,  
hold up his head, (not scratch it)  
and stick to his abstracts, all will  
come out right after awhile

Truly Yrs W. H. South  
Capt. 29 M

Henderson Incl 10<sup>5</sup> 1865

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W. W. Daniel Capt

1203

"Telegram" - authorizing  
Capt Wolf over his things

file



Arkansas State Telegraph Company

Received at Shreveport March 11 1865.  
By Telegraph from Anderson March 10 1865.  
To Capt A Wolfe.

Turners train you have. Crenshaw, Singletary,  
Hamilton's Murphy, & Stewarts trains yet to arrive.  
You are hereby authorized to use them all.

W. W. Barrett.

Capt & A. G. M.

A true Copy.

Adolphus Meyer

Capt. - D. J.

Henderson July 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

<sup>36</sup>  
Capt W. W. Baruch

1082

Cannot tell amount cotton  
acquired under order #304

W. W.

Care Providence

# ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT.....186

BY TELEGRAPH FROM.....186

To.....

Permit till until A per  
which number is advised by special  
order 304 Cant him from me  
again No mail passing

W W. Barrell

27 RA 1520



~~The following~~  
I recommend  
this gentleman  
as a reliable  
agent to sell  
bapt. Barnett  
one half the  
cotton of the  
Litchford and  
surrounding  
land.

Respy returned.  
bapt. Barnett was  
authorized by the  
Special order 423  
to impress the cotton  
of those without  
our lines whose  
probable status  
is unknown -  
The loyalty of Mr  
Litchford is un-  
doubted. but his  
cotton is still  
subject to the  
orders of the  
govt.

Henderson July 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Capt W. H. <sup>35</sup>Baruch

1104

Asks information in regard  
to Abing under order 304

file

- - - Draft Off Mr Bureau  
Henderson Feb 7 17/68  
Col W A Broadwell

My Dear Col

Preparatory  
to making up My report for Cotton acq-  
quired in My District under Special Order  
X B 174. I desire information on the  
following points viz.

My Agents report to Me Cotton in their  
respective CDs, belonging to

Deet Sims & Co W A Litchford & Co  
Taylor Knapp & Co, J C Ryan & Co  
Stark Stauffer & Co.; Green & Co  
Babcock Kernachan & Co, J C Bernard  
Alcobrook & Simpson, Wyatt Manning  
Julian Key & Bros, J L Gholson &

others whose names it is not necessary  
now to mention,

The question arises in my mind, how  
am I to determine whether or not these  
parties are aliens, that they had taken  
the oath &c &c. They are reported to  
me as such only by my Co agents, whose  
Means of information are no better than  
mine, and only upon calm reflection, I  
must say that I am not prepared to <sup>say</sup> that  
they are all aliens, that they have taken  
the oath &c, Supra for instance, (as is  
the case) report says that Black Snuggers  
&c are aliens, that they have taken the  
oath &c &c, and I report & take the  
oath of their oath, send it off for Court



etc, when really it May turn out, and  
May be, for aught I know, I have found to  
be true, that these Men are fighting our  
Battles in Va, what then would be my  
position, and the result of things, in such  
a case, here by my reports, I brand  
our friends as enemies, allies, taken the  
oath &c &c, this Cal, I assure you  
is rather a delicate point, and a res-  
ponsibility I don't feel willing to  
shoulder without some instructions and  
advice,

Please think of this Matter and write  
me fully your views, and give me such  
advice as the emergency requires, I am  
willing to do my whole duty. at  
some time don't wish to involve myself



Memorandum 22 July 1865

<sup>37</sup>  
Capt W. W. V. Barrick.

1130

Enquiring if he has the right  
to acquire cotton wealth  
under order #304.

File



Transpt Off Cotton Bureau  
Henderson Febry 22/68  
Col W. A. Broadwell

My Dear Col

I have yours  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing Mr Evans pro-  
position to sell one half of Sabcock  
and K. Cotton, with your indorsement ad-  
versing me to take possession of the Cotton  
on the terms proposed by Evans. Say at  
50¢ per lb

I would respectfully call your attention  
to the fact that 40¢ is the Schedule for  
Cotton in My Dist, and ask that OK  
Cotton be put at same figure as all other  
Say 40¢ per lb, and further calling  
your attention to Genl orders # 84 & 88

issued from Dept Ad of and recent  
Circular issued by Judge Gray, I  
respectfully ask if I am permitted to  
acquire my Cotton by purchase since the  
1st of July, will any exemptions given  
by me since that time be of any effect,  
and really am I authorized to dabble  
in Cotton at all, except in strict compliance  
with Special order No 304; I am willing  
to do any thing to assist you legally,  
at same time, I know that you would not  
knowingly get me into a scrape.

I am still unable to make a complete report  
of the Cotton in my Dick. Subject to order  
No 304, having got word of my Co apt to  
hear from, the value has run so very high &  
Mail, so irregular as for the delay <sup>fully goes</sup> W. H. Darnett & Co

241  
Take possession of  
to King &c. and  
the Catm is Hauled  
G & C. and it is  
that Richd and  
are the sole owners  
and the very day  
transferred it to  
reput them as alien  
be in some hand of  
then must be the go  
at the injunctive of  
Rather a fight  
Cal. and I shall  
not further instruct



Transpt Off Act Bureau  
Henderson Nch 7/62

Col W A Goodwell

My Dear Col

Herewith I

Hand you Memo Report of Acton  
in My Dict under Special order  
to of. Several Co get to be heard  
from in My Dict (which you will  
see noted in report), when My Spe-  
cial agent returns. I have & sent to  
gather up the dis Co (reports) & will  
report fully, as stated in the report  
herewith. I have & am personally  
acquainted with the political status  
of but very few of those whose names  
are mentioned in the report and I

do hope that you and the Comd  
Genl will give me some instructions  
on this point before going further,  
as stated to you in previous letters,  
I am willing to do my whole duty,  
at some time, I am not willing to involve  
myself in trouble for all time to come  
For instance, Many of the Parties report,  
sent to me by my la agents, I never  
saw, nor heard their names mentioned  
before, really don't know that there are  
such persons in existence. Now how is it  
possible for me to report their status,  
again C. N. Stocumb & A. A.  
Hugent & Co are both reported by  
my la agents (each having considerable  
business in my district) I have every



reason to believe that Procumb is  
in the doing good service for  
our cause, and that old Man  
August is in Texas a loyal good  
Citizen, at the same time the parties  
forming the Company of three trng  
Concerns are reported to be conducting  
and carrying on a business here  
in New Orleans; get & know the  
fact, then I ask, how is it  
possible for me to report a thing  
about which I know nothing, when  
I lack had the pleasure of knowing any  
thing about the business of R. August & Co  
in N. Orleans. May Dick own the Co,  
and May be for aught I know until  
get. Now I suppose I report this last



take possession of it, turn it over  
to King & Co. or some body else,  
the Calm is hauled off out of the  
G. & Co. and it turns out to be  
that Richard and Richard Stewart  
are the sole owners of the Calm,  
and the very day on which I  
transferred it to King & Co. and  
reput them as aliens. Dick may  
be in some hard fought battle, what  
then must be the feeling towards me  
at the injustice I have done him,  
Rather a tight place I am in  
Cal. and I shall certainly await  
further instructions

Yours Atk. Sent  
J. H. Davis  
Capt. V. M.

31  
Hudson 28th Nov 1844

W. W. Barrett Esq

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Regarding the assign-  
ment of Cotton under the  
old rules of the Texas  
Cotton office. Ask for  
E. L. Payne Agent to  
Asst. Marshall - to  
be ordered to report  
to him at once

Truxt. Off. Cal. Bureau

Wenderson Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Cal. W. A. Bradwell

Cal.

Since My Return

Home, I have been beset on all sides by parties  
from remote sections of my Dist. proposing to turn  
over to me one half this cotton for Govt acct. and  
asking permits for the remainder, I told them that  
that I had plaid out one permit, that I was  
not now authorized to make such arrangements, &  
that they had the golden chance slip: that they  
must run fast to work to avail themselves of this  
privilege, I think many will try to do that. They



Never complain mightily, and say that my recent  
orders were promulgated but lately in this section,  
that they were anxious to comply with same, but  
before they could come forward and turn over the  
lotter, the order is revoked &c &c

If the people had transportation I am satisfied  
that thousands of B/C would go forward  
to Waco, but they have not got it, nor can  
they procure it, it is not in the C. Now would  
it suit you to haul on Govt Bonds private  
lotter to Waco, and there require one half turned  
over at schedule price, and require the parties to  
pay for hauling the whole to Waco, if this can be  
legally done, several thousand B/C might be secured

I have done but little since I left, in the  
way of putting forth last orders, will however  
pitch out in a few days on Oct 8, and do all  
in my power, In the Mean time I wish you  
would issue an order, ordering Capt E. Payne  
& Q. M., and L. A. Wherry Q. M. to  
report to me for duty at once. The other  
offrs Making the 3rd I will look around &  
designate soon.

I am now being forced to send forward my  
Grains without one dollar to pay expenses. This  
is bad policy, we must keep our credit up,  
and by all means not fail to secure  
our part of the very first money need.  
Truly yours J. H. Gurney

373  
Hamilton. 11 Dec 44

W. W. Barst. Esq

835

In regard to funds  
recd from Mr. Ripley.



Truxtun <sup>1822</sup> Cal Bureau  
Anderson Dec 11/64

Cal

I am last in receipt  
of your favor of the 5th inst,  
contents fully noted. I am very  
thankful for your efforts in my  
behalf on the subject of funds.

Mr. Ripley turned  
me over this morning 175000  
for which I executed my  
duplicate Receipt to Capt. Gray  
Cal A & B. I am Dear Sir  
Thy Cal Bureau M. A. Barrett  
over

Private,  
Miss Paulsaddle is  
to be Married on Thursday  
evening Next, to Dr Yates one of  
our Most worthy Citizens, and  
I send you Tickets to attend  
the Wedding.

I leave for home tomorrow  
or next day. My leave Commenced  
running on yesterday, will  
be about 20 days. in mean-  
time my work here will go on  
as usual

Your friend  
W. W. Paulsaddle

Mr. A. H. Yates should  
be pleased to see you at  
his house on Thursday  
Evening at 7 o'clock  
Henderson Dec 12/64  
To  
W. H. A. Bradwell



Hudson March 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

3<sup>rd</sup>  
Capt W. W. Barret

1208

Order of the Hon. Wm. C. C. C.  
for the purpose of

file

1181  
1194  
1216

304

1216

Wm. A. Boardman  
Esq. City Bureau  
My Dear Sir

I have your  
Letter of the 1st inst. & the  
contents of all which I carefully noted  
I note too what you say about the  
only 10¢ from Dept. Ind. gr.  
which it will give me the necessary  
provisions.

I think unless you allow parties to  
retain in their cotton as in case of Bader  
& Co. & Co. you need have no fear  
about acquiring the quantity of cotton  
mentioned in your letter of the 1st inst.

I assure you that I will do every  
thing in my power, for I really feel  
a great interest in your being able  
to clear up all of your and Emil  
Smith's Estim transactions; punctually  
and all that I ask, for the hard  
work I have done, the trouble and  
anxiety of Mind, is but to turn  
the over funds enough to pay for  
the Estim & purchase. and I desire  
to give you the greater portion of it  
is going to very poor people and  
they annoy and bother me to death. The  
least of the small late over purchase  
from Soldiers Wives, whose Husbands  
are in the Service, and they say  
that the proceeds of their Estim is all



They have to line in, pay Taxes &c  
the Taxes in the Section is being  
collected now, and every day I  
receive a Note or Message from some  
Woman to let her know when I can  
pay for the lot. She let me hear,  
and as if you please try to  
get me out of the scrape  
from some signs that I see, I apprehend  
very strong efforts will be made by some  
parties to prevent a large portion of  
the lot. Mentioned in my (Honest) report  
from the last paper of under  
Special Order of Board  
I am your general acquaintance with  
business then you must have a good  
idea of the political situation of these  
matters.

where I have & have given as far  
as I can by my Co. agents, and as  
the King anxious to discontinue  
the in making of my report, & which  
you would give the such information  
as you may be prepared to  
of my (now able to) report from my  
Co. in my book except I will  
at report for the in 2nd day  
when I will report fully.  
In addition to previous report I  
have now to add, as per enclosed  
Memos. there are 62 Co. belonging to the  
Herring (Wales) last over the line of the  
Co. in Angelina Co. Angelina is taken by the  
State & taken possession of it.

Yours Obedt. (H. H. Smith)  
Apr. 1st



Additional Whang Statement of  
 Cotton Reported by My Co apt under  
 Special Order #304

Name of owner	do what do	do	Remarks
	Co	Bales	
A J Whammy Cherokee	207		resides in Wales apt by Luling Whammy & Co
Taylor & Knapp	do	38	
McCormick & Co	do	80	
A B James & Co	do	14	
A L Whammy Angelina	62		This lot is sent over the Cherokee River

#12

W H Ranch  
 Capt V. H. M.

I guess this is about all the cotton  
 you may expect on my part.



375  
Shreveport. 29th May 1863

W. W. Barrett.  
A. G. L.

1863

Colonel.

Shrewsbury May 29<sup>th</sup> 1813

Your Communication of the 24<sup>th</sup> Inst, placed in my Desk was received, I desired to answer it orally, but have been so much employed since and always finding you engaged when we met, I avail myself of this Method to respond.

I entertain no fear that I shall ever have occasion to regret any act of mine in serving you or my Office in your Department in this place, and I am pleased to know that my efforts to serve you are appreciated. and regret exceedingly that it was not in my power to render you more efficient aid.

I deem it my official duty to do what I undertook for you and My Deeds and I assure you Col that you may at any and all times command my services.

I have lived long enough to learn that public Opinion is fickle and often false, that the best are often the most abused and traduced. This has taught me to disregard the favor of the Public, knowing that if I perform my whole duty, that I will be (at least) rewarded by an approving Conscience.

I am gratified to learn that I may possess the Confidence

of May Thomas, and trust that no act of mine  
will destroy it.

Our Acquaintance has been very short  
but I trust that in the future we may often meet  
and that I may be allowed the pleasure of cultivating  
the Acquaintance of a Gentleman whom I sincerely  
have great ability.

I remain Coly  
with great respect  
Yr. Att. Servt.

W. W. Carr.



Hudsons Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

376  
Capt H. W. Barch.

1277

Refers Cotton for "Doubloon"  
damaged.

Transportation Office  
Henderson Apr 6. 1865

Colonel: I have gins in operation  
retubing cotton; I find some of it very  
much damaged, particularly the lot from the  
Steamer "Doubloon". I am separating the  
damaged cotton from the sound, retubing  
the latter, and am at loss to know what disposition  
to make of the former. It is not worth the  
cost of retubing & transportation — it has  
been wet for so long a time, that the staple  
is destroyed, and it is worthless, save to the  
Paper Manufacturer. Please advise, directing  
the disposition you wish made of the damaged  
portion of this cotton

Wm M A Prudden  
Chief of Bureau  
Shreveport  
La

Very respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant  
J. M. Parrot  
Capt & Arme

Henderson. 14th May 64

W. W. Barrett. Agt.

265.

Referring to trains to  
be loaded at Albany  
for San Antonio for  
Texas

Phelps



Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson May 17, 1864

Col. Force:

I have the honor to ack. your  
favor of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

Capt. Fargo has ordered me to send  
all the Trains to Albany to load - what  
shall I do with the train now coming  
here as you advise? I had arranged  
to load the O.V. trains here, as for my dispatch  
of yesterday, thus saving time & the  
trip thro' the "Sahara," hence to Shreveport  
the route to Albany has the same objections.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully  
Yours Obedient Servant  
John Phelps  
for Capt. W. H. Foster

Henderson, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1864  
3/8

M. W. Bant. A. gill.

556

Enclosing permit to Geo.  
M. Foster.

Transit & Purch. Office at Salem

November 25th 1862

Capt W. C. Blake

Capt. Brewster & Land

Your permit for 100 Bales Cotton in favor of  
Geo H Foster of the Co. which please record.  
Have approved and return for Mr Foster.  
I think I shall get in the Co the next summer  
about 300 B/C Most of which is in  
good condition. The people generally from this  
Section have taken good care of their Cotton.  
I am, Captain

Your obt Servant

W H Bayne  
Capt & J. M.



379  
Henderson 3<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1864

M. M. Barnett Agt.

554

Enclosing permit to  
G. B. Alexander for  
approval - 8 sales

Permit given at Bureau  
Capt W C Black Anderson Oct 3/64

Capt J Permitt Hand

you permit given The G B Alexander  
the Co for D R/C, which please record,  
and get Genl Mather approval and return  
to me for Mr A.

I am getting on fine  
under last order, I am Capt

Dear Capt Grant

W H Grant

Capt & A M

A.B.  
Enclosed also find Permit given Mr Garland  
for 23 R/C which please have approved and return.

W H Grant

Capt & A M

38 Hudson Texas  
Oct 7 1864

W. W. Barrett

132

Wants Smith tools, wants and  
Smith to continue the  
order to transfer 50,  
frams to ordnance Dept.

Attended to

Barrett

W. A. Barrett



Transpt Off At Bureau

Henderson Nov 7/64

Col R A Bradwell

Col

Please don't forget  
to let Capt Gary know  
about the Smith Tools I am re-  
fering to. I stand in great need of these  
articles, in fact I cannot get along  
without them. I am now hiring Smith  
Tools to keep my shop going; further  
I would urge upon you the propriety  
of getting Genl Smith to countermand

his recent order for 50 of my  
best White Teams, if they are  
taken from me, I lose all of  
my speedy transportation,

If these Teams are intended for  
the Ordn Dept, and I am induced  
to believe they are, I may never  
hope to see them again, in any  
other Condition, if still,

Truly yours.

W. H. Barrett

Capt & 2nd Lt.

971  
Henderson 8th Oct. 1864

M. M. Barrett Agt.

565

Asks for \$10,000. or \$15,000 New Bond for current expenses. Reports his trains on the road to Waco.



Travelling Office at the General

Headquarters of the Army

Capt H. B. Black

Capt

I have enclosed

the sum of paying my debts for last yr.  
the money for last yr. of Capt. Black. I shall  
now for the first time in last yr. and my debts  
are again on the Road for Haver, and this I  
am obliged to you to pay expenses, what are  
I to do. I certainly ought to have the cash,  
which I turned over to the Department: If possible  
please get for me the sum of fifteen hundred dollars  
and give it to the Capt.

ask Street to forward me the Receipt (if I can)

292  
Henderson 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1864

W. W. Barrett Esq.

576

Asks for mem<sup>d</sup> of  
Wagon Master's receipts for  
Cotton taken from Albany.

Ensign & Purdy Regt. Cal. Bureau  
Anderson Oct 10th 1861

H. C. Black  
Capt & Ad. 2nd Regt.

Capt. Please find the a

Receipts of each Wagon Master's Receipt, for Calm  
and for me at Albany. I wish to make up a  
report of Calm transported from that place, and  
would like to see if my report agrees with my  
Wagon Master's receipt.

I Am Capt.  
Your obt Servt

W. H. Paruch  
Capt & Ad. 2nd Regt.

I hear that the Cal. Bureau has gone  
by the Board, what does it mean to me  
the particulars. Paruch

W. H. Paruch



Henderson. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1864

W. W. Barrett Esq

569

Referring to the acquisition  
of cotton under contract,  
Reports about 1300 bales  
in his District.

W. W. Barrett  
Esq

General S. Purdy Q. R. Capt. Duncan

London Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Capt. J. C. Black

Capt. During the last

week I have contracted for in this C. under my

present order about 500 Bales Cotton; and in other

C. as far as reported by my agents about 500.

More. The large Majority of the people seem perfectly satisfied with Genl Smith's last order, and

I have no fear, after I shall have passed this

my risk and explain to the people the great want

of the Govt, but that I can procure bags of all

Sized Cotton, without any trouble. No reasonable man

Can object to the requirements of the Comd.  
Genl's last order, on the contrary all say that  
it is fair and equitable.

The Cotton I have purchased is Very Much deat-  
ured, and it will take some time to go around and  
inspect, weigh and Mark the dif lots;

The first permits forwarded you,  
I am informed by the Holders have been returned,  
all satisfactory, in fact the Holders seem perfectly  
delighted. They feel as tho they have something safe  
and secure.

I am Aft your obt Servt

W. W. Barret

Capt V. A. Q. M.

Henderson. 12th Oct 1864

W. W. Barret Aft

569

Referring to the acquisition  
of Cotton under contract,  
Reports about 1300 bales  
in his District



384  
Henderson. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 64

W. W. Bancroft.

570

re Enclaving. Plimitis.

J. P. Haldney Jr

9 Bales

Geo. Gregg-

43 Bales

Transpt & Purch Off At Bureau

Wenderson Ruck Co Oct 13/64

Capt W C Black

My Dear Sir Herewith

Send you two permits viz

N<sup>o</sup> 4 J P Gladney 9 Bales 4150 lbs

" 5 Ans Gregg 13 " 22819 "

Which please record and have approved and  
forward to them at Camden Ruck Co Texas;

The Cotton here is generally in small lots, and permits will  
have to be given separately, you must be patient &  
take them as they come, I am Capt Your Obedt Servt

W H Ganeb  
Capt & A. L. M.

355<sup>14</sup>  
Henderson 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 64

M. M. Barrett.

577

Enclosing Col Batts.  
Receipt. to be filed as  
voucher invoice &c



Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson, Texas Oct 14. 1864

Lieut: W. Hardie  
Shreveport  
La

Lt. W. Hardie has  
with the receipt of H. J. Battle for \$50,000.00  
by reference to my letter accompanying my  
returns of Cotton Funds, you will observe that  
I have included this rec't in my asc and that  
I request you to file one copy with the vouchers  
to that Account Current.

If the papers are still  
in your hands please file this receipt - if they  
have been forwarded, you will forward the Rec't  
to the proper office, with the necessary explanation.  
I wish an Invoice of the Bagging to be sent  
me last spring. Enclose Wm. H. Curran with.  
I have nothing but my informal rec't for \$50,000  
turned over to Capt Black Sept 15. 1864.

As I am making up my returns for the 3<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>r</sup>  
I require formal rec'ts in Duplicate for that  
amount

Very respectfully  
Yours obt Servant  
W. H. Farver  
Capt & QM

386  
Henderson 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1864

M. M. Baret Agt.

563

Enclosing perhit

Saml. H. Hogan

6 Babs. 11

Direct & Purch Off Cal Bureau  
Monterey Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1861

Capt W C Black

Capt I enclosed I send you

Permit for the Release of the in favor of Saml  
G. Noyan of the Co. which please record &  
have approved and return for Mr Noyan

I am Capt Jno H. Dool  
W H Dool  
Capt & A. G. 26



384  
Henderson 18th Oct 1864

W. W. Barnet Esq.

572

Enclosing Permits

Jno. Pruitt. 1/2 B/c.

A. P. Hallway, 25 "

Transportation Office at Sarnia

Windsor, Mich. G<sup>d</sup> Oct 15/64

Capt W. C. Black

Capt Charles D. Rand

You permit as follows

No 7 John Buck Co Value 28431 pounds

" 8 A. J. Gallanay Do " 11962 "

Which please recd. have approved and return

for same. Hereafter I will try to send you

a larger No of Permits at a time, and not bother

you with so many small lots

I am, Capt Yours obdt Servt

W. H. Lamb  
Capt & A. G. M.

387  
Henderson. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 1864

M. M. Bancroft Esq.

590

Referring to a telegram  
from Dept H & Ours not  
to purchase any more  
Cotton under. Order. 34038



Sept 1837 at Bureau

Norfolk Oct 21/64

Capt H. C. Black

Capt.

I am last in receipt  
of a Telegram from Sept 21st asking  
me to make the further purchase of  
litho, the Litho I have already got  
in the and adjoining Co. will take me  
some time to receive Mark and Paul  
forward permits; will hurry thro as  
fast as possible. I am at Bureau

H. H. French  
Capt 1st Reg. Inf.

<sup>38</sup>  
Henderson 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 484

M. M. Bancroft Agt.

595.

Referring to Mr. Mary  
Johnson's Teams, &  
moving Cotton to  
Navasota.

Truett & Pugh Off Cotton Bureau

Wendover October 23/64

Capt W C Black

Capt.

Your favor of the 20th,

to hand per the Morning Mail, with following

Transit for John Pugh for 62 Bales Cotton

A P Galloway

25

And letter from Mr. Johnson on the subject of Transportation.

I am sorry to see that the Comd Genl has ordered me

to turn over to Mr. Johnson for Wale Trans, if

such a Trans is permitted in, I will very soon

lose all my Wale Transportation,

As regards assisting you in placing the stock/c

at Ansonia, I have to say that I am willing



to render you any assistance in my power, and  
subject to orders from A. D. G. at all times.  
You say in your letter, the Offrs connected with  
this Bureau, will soon receive their order from Judge  
Gray. I am apt. Do you mean to say, that  
we will be ordered to report to him for duty.

I am Capt your Obedt Servt  
W. H. Sargent  
Capt A. D. G.

370  
Henderson at Nov 64

Capt. M. M. Bant.

696

Asks for a letter Book

Thospt J. J. Cat Bureau  
Henderson Nov 1864  
St Wardie

My Dear Sir

I am in  
great need of a letter book,  
Capt Payne tells me that Capt  
Black has a fine lot, will you let  
open your heart & send me one about  
by stage. do it up securely in paper  
& address it to me here with will  
come this safe. send it to the apt  
at Thompson & let it be forwarded



By the Driver. They are  
generally very careful with any  
thing for me, ..

Truly Yours  
W. H. Baruch  
Capt & A. D. M.

Henderson 10<sup>th</sup> May 1864

Wm. W. Barrett Esq.  
286  
Referring to trains.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. with enclosure. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. with enclosure. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. with enclosure.

Henderson 10<sup>th</sup> May 1864

Garret Ague

2<sup>nd</sup> class  
Referring to trains

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson May 10, 1864

I have the honor to ack<sup>l</sup>  
your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. with inclosures.  
It is to be hoped that Carson will be  
placed where he can do the State some  
service. His team continued where  
it is.

The detention of my trains in  
Sheepport, has been a serious blow  
to their efficiency in this Bureau - otherwise  
the cotton at Magnolia would have been  
delivered long since, and at a time  
when there was yet forage in the country  
and they could now have been en  
route for San Antonio. I shall make  
preparations for this trip as rapidly as  
possible, though some of the trains  
will require some rest before they are  
in suitable condition & the Wagoners want



thorough repairing. I hope to be able  
to increase my trains considerably in  
the next two weeks, particularly on Steam.  
There is the Cotton gin design sending  
to San Antonio? - can I load a train  
in Smith County, with Cotton bought by  
my Agent there?

I have written Capt Janet urging his  
return, as I am entirely alone & have no  
one here efficient in out door business.  
The train should start without delay,  
in fact should be on the road now.  
Please answer at your earliest convenience,  
by mail, as the mail is gloriously uncertain,  
and if possible urge the return of Capt  
Janet.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
Yours Obedt Servant  
Geo W A Swadlow  
Chief of Cotton Bureau }  
Shreveport La } for Capt W B Janet

200  
Henderson Texas  
May 2nd 1864

Capt W W Bant  
448

recommending change of  
route to Magnolia so as to  
facilitate buying of transp-  
also arranging delivery of  
Cotton to James Allen

transmitted to the proper authorities

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson May 2, 1864

Colonel:

I have delivered to Lt L. C. Clauson,  
Agent for H. W. Allen (70) Seventy  
Bales Cotton, weighing 34,760 pounds, as  
per your order, 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo. An order was  
also presented by Capt Pennington, but the  
Cotton was not delivered; being distant  
from his route, he declined taking it.

I respectfully call your attention  
to the necessity of changing the Trains  
to some other route: there is some Corn  
at Grand Bluff on the Sabine & a few  
Hundred Bushels at Griffin, 20 Miles  
west of this place, which is about all  
there is between Shreveport & Magnolia.



I have written Capt Farret, urging the  
importance of separating the Mules & Olen-  
Mules can be forced 25 miles for day  
when necessary to reach forage - This can-  
not be done with Olen. Olen can be  
partially grazed & a considerable amount  
of forage saved

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours Obedt Servant

W. H. Farret  
Capt & Comd

Chief Comd  
Thompson  
La

banden 30. Nov 1864

Wm. D. Smith April.

Referring to the notes in  
book 2

James I. Thompson

our troops with he  
one then how would  
fallow him any where  
suggested, the Lampet  
Bully for Deal Smith

[ EXTRACT. ]

Head Quarters Trans-Mississippi Department.

Exp. den May 3 1864.

SPECIAL ORDERS, }

No.

Col M A Brundell

My Dear Sir

Our trip up  
here has been productive of much good  
we have freed the Country in the vicinity  
of this place from Yankee oppression  
and whipped Steel plum out of his  
Boats. Our Victory on the 1st Inst  
was complete. but we suffered terribly  
we fought against great odds in No.  
as well as position; We have captured  
their Pontons and the Mael of their  
Transportation and Bagage and many  
prisoners, Genl Smith was on the  
Battle field in person, and lead



our Troops with his usual gallantry  
 our Men Now would willingly  
 follow him any where he  
 suggest, the Camp now  
 Bully for Genl Smith.

captured  
 killed  
 3rd May 1864  
 12th  
 1st

I regret exceedingly  
 to hear from Mr Phelps at  
 Henderson that My Teams all  
 came back empty from Harrods,  
 what in the Name of God does  
 some of our Govt Officers mean,  
 it really seems that they are determined  
 to ruin the Co.  
 I don't know who  
 to say you may look for me,  
 My respects to Capt Black,  
 Truly yours W H Barrett

Henderson. 18<sup>th</sup> Apl 1864

<sup>3-24</sup>  
W. M. Hamet. Apl 16

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Referring to the disinclination  
on the part of planters to  
receive Confederate money  
or 8% bonds in exchange for  
their cotton - wishes to know  
what amount of 8% bonds  
he may safely promise

Ann<sup>d</sup> Apl 22/64

128  
Signification Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson Apr 18, 1864

Colonel: Holders of Cotton, object to  
settling for the present Currency, & show  
more disposition to take the 8% Bonds;  
I therefore respectfully suggest that no more  
be exchanged for notes.

Some of the County Agents wish to know  
what amount of the Bonds they can safely  
promise to furnish, as I have only 30,000  
of them. I should be pleased to know  
what further amount I can promise.

I have the honor to be, Col., very respectfully,  
Yr Obedt Servant  
Chief Est Bureau  
Shreveport La } Capt. & Gen



395  
Henderson 14th Apr 1864  
Capt W W Banist

Acting for the use of transportation  
for Hospital purposes

Shupst 14th Apr 1864  
Capt W W Banist  
Henderson

See any  
transportation under my  
control, for Hospital  
purposes

W A Brundage

Col Brundage

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Memphis April 15 1864

By Telegraph from Memphis 15 7864

To Genl. W. H. Burdett

Memphis is ready for the

troops with delay. A train under

Mr. Smith is here doing nothing

Will you order the th in charge

to turn over five wagons

29th 1166

W. H. Burdett

Capt. & Co.

326  
Henderson 14th April 1864

Capt W. W. Bant. Agt

135

Referring to train of 30  
wagons to go to Nevada  
for arms. Capt Buckner's  
treatment refusing to make  
small repairs. &c

file



Purchasing & Transport Office  
for Cotton Bureau D S M  
Kendrum Apr 4/64

Col W. A. Broadwell

Chief of Cotton Bureau D S M

Col

My Dear Sir

Forage Master whom I sent to Shreveport to  
prepare the Train of 30 Wagons for the trip  
to Harrods, has just returned. I instructed  
him before he left here, that if the Wagons  
required any repairs to have it done at Shreve-  
port, before they were loaded, not wishing to  
stop them on the way, having to unload the Wagons  
to have the work done; Mr N informed  
me that as great many needed some little repairs  
and that he tried to get it done at Shreve-  
port as ordered; but Capt Buckner and those  
having charge of the Shops for him, refused to

do the work. Now Cal I ask in Justice  
to myself and for the interest of the Bureau,  
if it is right and fair to be treated in  
this way, whenever Capt B. and others get  
into a tight place. They know exactly where  
to call for help, and they do it very often  
too. But when I want some little repairs done  
there is always some put off; I don't  
write this in bad feelings at all towards  
Capt B and those having charge of his  
shops, But I do think that Justice ought  
to be met out to all alike, Nor would  
I speak of the matter at all. Had I not  
have sat on a job all the way to Shreveport to  
have the little necessary repairs done on the  
Maracata Train before they loaded, by which  
we might not be detained on the way, or have  
to unload the Wagon here to do the work  
I decided and thought it was the wish of the



It Gave me by and Grouched too. that I  
should make a steady trip to Haracota. But  
if my teams are taken to do Post Hauling  
around Shropsh. broken up &c, then turned  
back upon my hands for repairs. You need not  
expect for me to travel at the rate of 240.  
I will use my best efforts to get the  
Guns out as speedily as possible from Haracota.  
But I shall have to stop my teams on the  
way. unload the Waggons, and do the necessary  
work before I can proceed.

Hereafter Cal to keep from being caught  
in a similar scrape. I wish you would  
have it understood, that when you turn over  
one of our Trains into other hands, that  
they must return them in the same condition  
and

I am Cal your  
obd Servant  
W H Bancroft  
Capt &c



377  
Henderson 1st April 1864

Capt. W. M. Bant April

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Referring to receipt of R  
Walch. for 48000 & all  
funds. and other funds

for

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Henderson April 4/64

Capt W C Black Exp  
Shreveport La

Dear Sir

Your favor  
of the 30th ult is to hand, with Richd  
Walsh recpt for 80000. Herewith I hand you  
my recpt covering same, he regards the 20000 for  
Al Boardman, it is all in his hands, and  
of course he can use it as he sees proper, &  
the Voucher will be good in his hands. The of  
Bills continued for Al B. I will save all I  
can for him. I have but very few, and have to see  
a great many in paying off my friends in the way  
of changes,

I am Capt your friend  
W H Barrett  
Apr 14/64

Hindman Aug 9

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Capt H. W. Bank

1187

Asks instructions in regard to  
Cotton of alien natives

file





a Mr. Fowler is in this State  
who represents McShane (Value Reg)  
and that this Cotton is not subject  
to Special Order #304, what  
Steps Must be taken in all  
Such Cases.

Your obt Servt  
W. H. Canine  
Capt & agt

Wednesday 28 July 1865

399  
Capt W. J. Smith

1131

Went a horse, and good  
feeding etc.

John

Regarding the Spring Lake  
the last night - much money

1132

Capt W. J. Smith

Wednesday 29 July 1865



Manuscript Off at Bureau  
Henderson Feb'y 27/65  
Cal W A Broadmill

My Dear Cal

From Ripley  
letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. & see that  
the Old Dept have at last got  
their hands on my Wale Trains. they  
have been working hard for this for  
last 12 months, donat for the Good  
Sake. let them keep them long, &  
fear when I get them back, they will  
not be able to pull 2 R/C to the  
Team. Now that they have them, can you  
not make them furnish the Diff Trains  
with Some Names. they need them badly.  
(not to be as for by me), I have

Can always forced to haul every  
they wanted and never get paid any  
thing in return.

I note specially what you say in  
your letter of the 19th inst. will do  
all in my power to meet your expecta-  
tions. Don't think that if you allow  
the parties to retain their cattle, as  
Peet & Co and Babcock & Co, there  
will <sup>not</sup> be any thing like 2500000.  
However you may rest assured that I  
will scan up every bale in my dict.  
I have sent forward a special apt  
to the def. Co requiring my Co  
apt. to report there from at once.  
The parties from whom I get  
cattle are becoming very noisy.

They are generally poor class of  
people and need the Money to pay  
Taxes &c. This Cotton was purchased  
with the promise that they would  
get their Money punctually. I do  
wish you would get me out of  
this scrape, and hereafter in all  
Cotton transactions, I will make no  
fair promises,

Your friend and  
Obedt Servt  
W. W. Baruch  
Capt Vag. M.

P. S. Since writing the above, I am  
in receipt of a Telegram from my friend  
abt on the Sanacota Road, a copy of which  
I here enclose for your information, what  
must I do

W. W. Baruch  
Capt Vag. M.



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Referred to Col  
Broadwell that he  
may see the condition  
of the Trinity River &  
W. H. Bancroft  
Capt. V. A. M.

J. J. Gassett near Calhoun  
Free House, Depot Nov 18 writing that it is impossible  
for G. H. Hunter to cross the Sandy river with his  
team at this time or at any other point in this region,  
as the river is rising and has been for several days.  
The strong probability is we will not be able to cross  
for several days. Albany, 1801.

J. J. Gassett  
Depot agent

Henderson 15th June 1860

W. W. Barrett Esq

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Referring to the Ex-  
change of Treasury

notes - & Great notes

No 34.



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Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Henderson June 10th 1864  
Capt W E Black  
A C M

Capt Upon the Subject of

Envelopes. I have to say I find upon examination  
that I have only about 100 when I promised  
them to you. I thought I had any quantity  
of the Off Dep. I am going to Georgetown  
next week where I think I can procure 200  
or 300 for you, if I can. will send them  
forward at once to you; please send me out  
25 more Enl Order A C M  
over

W E Black

I will start Hamilton in tomorrow with  
the Bal of my non interest bearing 100\$ bills  
to be exchanged with Cal. Batters; please say  
to Ch. Hardie to do me the favor to attend to  
the exchange for me;

W. W. Bancroft  
Capt & Agt MB

reports from my Co

done! Much Love to

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ch, end and add to

Price 1/6

1887

*Handwritten signature: "H. H. H."*

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over

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To the  
Dear,

Ex  
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John

1891

Handwritten signature: *John C. ...*

1876  
Feb  
at  
12

2000

Adm.

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Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Henderson June 2/64

Cat

Your two Valued favors of the 30th  
ults is just to hand, contents of both fully  
noted, I shall be very glad to make the ex-  
change for the interest bearing Bills, and in fact I  
don't see how I am to get along without some  
arrangement of that kind; the people of this Dis-  
trict are refusing to take the 1000 non-interest bearing  
Bills in payment for any thing; and in many instances  
they are loth to take any Bills above 50. Please say  
to the Depository that I will exchange one hundred  
Dollars Thousand Dollars with him, and request him  
to keep that amt for me, I will send up after it  
soon; As regards the report for Cotton purchased  
by me &c, I have to say that I am doing all in  
my power to complete the job at the earliest  
possible moment, I fear however from recent



reports from my Co agents, that I shall not  
have much cotton to report, the most of the parties  
who agreed to sell to the C. O. had ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup>  
out and sold to the State at a much larger  
price. ~~While writing your letter~~ <sup>While writing your letter</sup>  
the 2nd Feb. 1862

Carrier came to hand the 27 B.C. shall have  
my earliest attention. This I think you ought to  
order Capt Birge to haul this lot from the  
fact that he has been repairing and mending  
his train for some time past, when I have been  
mending mine all the time, and now need every  
moment spare time to repair Wagon and Mules &c

I am Col  
Col M. A. Broadwell  
Capt Birge  
Capt J. A. G. M.

Your obt Servt  
W. H. Barret

1702  
Memorandum (Treas)  
June 1/64

W W Barate  
Capt & A. J. No  
310

Referring to the cotton records  
of his District. Enclosing  
letters, referring to the action  
of state agents, and the  
conduct of Capt Cross at  
Maracopa.

Am. June 3/64



Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Henderson June 1st 1864

Col

Enclosed I send you letter from  
Mr. Brown My Agent for Smith Co. from  
which you can see how the Cotton Masters stand  
in that County, and I assure you that there is  
about the same feelings throughout My Dist.  
You ought to decide upon something definite,  
there must be some order issued at once by which  
a certain portion of the Cotton in the County will  
be required for Military purposes, from all alike,  
then there will be no dissatisfaction, the poor  
wretched man sells to support the Govt & or the  
whole of his Crop, for a depreciated currency  
and at very low prices, whilst his neighbor  
totally refuses to sell any portion of his, the  
great Mass of the people will not gamble  
at any order Genl Smith may see proper to

Make in the Principes, provided it falls  
upon all equally, the speculator as well as  
the farmer.

The State agents are still operating extensively  
throughout my district offering double ~~qua~~ <sup>quar</sup>terly  
as much as I am authorized to pay for  
Cotton.

Mr James who had some 400  
Bales Cotton in this County, after having  
agreed as I understood to turn one half  
over to the Texas Cotton Office, has I am  
informed sold the whole to the State. He  
was here during my absence, and said that  
he was operating for the State.  
I wish you would read Boring's letter carefully  
and answer the same fully for me. For really  
under the existing circumstances I don't know  
what to write him.

Also I have enclosed a letter from  
Mr Vedder at Maracota in answer to my



Letter Making enquiry about Hamiltons trip  
to Havana. from which you will see  
that Hamilton was not so much to blame  
as reported by Capt Lyons. But Capt C  
as you will clearly see from V. letter  
and as reported by Hamilton, would not  
pay for a Telegram to Col Hitching to  
secure the Loading, again Capt C says, as  
reported by Hamilton, that he has nothing to  
do with loading Wagons belonging to the  
Cotton Bureau. Had no forage to issue them,  
and really took no interest in trying to secure  
loading; I dont write this in bad faith  
towards Capt. C, at the same time I dont  
think blame ought to be attached to Hamilton  
when he was not at fault. I have always  
found H. correct and truthful, and dont  
think he ~~was~~<sup>would</sup> misrepresent any thing.

Col W A Goodwell

Adj At Bureau

(Please return the letter)

I am at your alt Servt  
W H Barrett Capt & Agt



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Henderson 29<sup>th</sup> May 1860

Capt. W. W. Bant. Esq.

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Announces his arrival at  
home, preparations for  
the trip to San Antonio  
Asks for bar. iron for  
Medicines from W. H.

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau D. S. M.  
Newderon May 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ad.

I reached here on the 26<sup>th</sup> last.  
Feel much better than I did when I left  
your place, in fact my health has greatly  
improved, I looked around at once to see  
what was being done for the Sanitary trip,  
found that Phelps was having done as fast  
as he could all the necessary repairs &c.  
There is however much more work to be done  
than I had the least idea of. Several of my  
Trains used by the Comdg and Ord. Depart  
are completely used up, in several instances  
the repairs on a Wagon amounts to the same  
work of a new one, and I greatly fear  
that I shall be short of Fire soon to

Complete the repairs. Can you not induce  
the Ord Dept at Shreveport to let us  
have a few thousand pounds of Bar Iron, we  
have done a great deal for them in our line,  
and I think they ought and will reciprocate.  
I am just now sending forward to Marshfield  
a Train of some 12 to 15 Mule Teams loaded  
with Ord Stores from Rust Chamber Co.  
I hope to be able to get ready out of my  
old Trains for the San Antonio trip 150 to  
160 Wagons; tho I hardly think I shall  
be able to get them <sup>all</sup> off for some 3 or 4  
weeks yet. in the Mean time I may  
be able to pick up through the Co enough  
to make up 200; will try my best to do  
so. Before I left Shreveport Al Ander-  
son told me that Dr Widen would instruct  
Capt Birge and myself how to proceed to



employ private Physicians to accompany our  
Trains. Please see Dr Haden and ask  
him to write each of us fully upon the  
Subject, tell him that we shall require two.  
(One for each of us) our Trains will be forced  
to travel different routes the most of the way  
in consequence of the great scarcity of Forage  
&c, also please ask him to inform us  
how we shall proceed to supply ourselves with  
Medicines & attend to this for me at once,  
and if the Iron and Medicines can be  
had, I will send some Teams forward. I  
greatly need the Iron, and feel confident  
that Maj Ruff will let us have it.  
We have had recently some rains thro this  
Section, and the prospects for grain crops  
are very good

Wm H. G. G. G.  
At At Anuan

Your obt servant  
Wm H. G. G.  
Capt &c G. M.

Henderson 16<sup>th</sup> June 64

Capt W. W. Barber

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Referring to the Appoi-  
tion of the Government  
Cotton haulage from  
Albany

W. H. French  
Capt & Adj. Genl

W. H. French Capt & Adj. Genl

7315  
Transfer Office

Rendered Jan 18/67  
Capt W C Black

H G M

My Dear Sir

For the last

few days I have been doing nothing but repairing  
the Cotton Baled here from Albany for the sake of the  
trip. It is in the worst mutilated condition  
ever, I am Cotton, & in fact I am sharing the  
rest of the Boat of the Bay & Cape. To get it in any  
like condition for transportation, some of it I fear  
we will have to burn. I am sure with the Wagon  
till the, then you can see Cotton in good condition  
at Albany, but Capt Steady would not let them



Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Now it is certainly bad policy to  
start with such loading and then and  
had I have seen the loading before it was  
loaded, would not have taken a Belch,  
the cap must necessarily be considered  
between him and Dan Arto, and of course  
I must bear the whole blame.

I am Capt  
Yours alt Dear  
H. H. Buck  
Capt & A. G. M.

General H. H. M.  
Capt W. W. M.  
368  
Referring to the Apoi-  
tion of the ground  
Cotton (which was) from  
Albany

Hendricks. 1st June 64

Compt W. W. Bant.

Mississippi

Trans.

Head Quarters

OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

369.

Referring to renting of  
order No 34. for

rehabilitation among  
purchasing agts.

Chas.

W. W.

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Henderson June 17/64  
Capt W. C. Black  
A. G. M.

My Dear Sir

Wm. A. C. C.

Much trouble. I would respectfully suggest  
that you have printed and distributed among the  
Officers mentioned by Genl Smith in Genl  
Order No 34. at least 10002 copies each  
of the impressment act. Please send me a  
copy at once. If you have one to spare.

I am Capt Garrott

W. W. Burch

Capt & A. G. M.



Henderson 6th June 44

M. M. Barst Agt.

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Refusing to exchange  
of Treasury notes for  
United States notes.

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau D.S.M.  
Anderson June 15/64

Th J W Harder

My Dear Sir

I send you per  
Mr J N Crenshaw ~~Mr J D Hamilton~~ bearer here of (C.S. 1000 \$)  
Sixty Thousand dollars. Now, interest bearing  
Bills, which please do me the kindness to  
receive from C and exchange with Cal Battle  
for 100 \$ interest bearing Bills. and forward  
same to me; I will make arrangements to  
have your time pastured as requested

Respectfully

W H Crenshaw

Memorandum 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1860

Capt W. M. Barrist. Agent  
£60

Dispatch in regard to  
the exchange of Treasury  
notes for interest notes.



ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

By Telegraph from

To

Headquarters  
J. W. Harris

Return the money  
Keep the money receipt  
for it & make the exchange  
as soon as possible. Get Col.  
Bate if possible to exchange  
the thousands dollars. I need  
it on my San Antonio trip

W. H. Barnett

86 p 5 44

1158  
June 20/64  
W. W. Barret  
Henderson  
364

Requesting memos of  
receipts for leather funds.  
Amounts & dates—

Appl. O. Jan 23/64

14.	140.	00
10.	305.	00
	216.	50
	5.000.	00
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29.	621.	50
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51.	621.	50

40.	621.	50
7.	037.	00
1.	300.	00
	500.	00
	3.000.	00
	10.000.	00
	7.141.	50
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69.	600.	00
	5.100.	00
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74.	700.	00



Transportation Office:  
for Cotton Receipts  
Henderson, Tex June 25 1864

Capt W C Shack  
A gm

Whereof Capt. Pleasant,  
by return mail, a memo of my receipts  
to Lee Pradwell, for Cotton Funds,  
giving dates & amounts.

Your attention will oblige,

Your Obedt Servant  
W W Parret  
Capt A gm

Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup> June 64  
109

Capt. W. W. Barret

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Referring to the starting  
of his trains to San-  
Antonio

Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau 25th  
Anderson Lane 3rd St.  
Capt

Today and tomorrow I will  
get off the last of My Train for  
San Antonio. The Cotton since repaired looks  
Much better than I expected. In fact the  
work done upon it, has added greatly to  
its value. I leave for home tomorrow or  
next day. (Have 15 days leave) Shall be gone  
only 10 to 12 days, will then return here,  
stay 2 or 3 days & leave for San Antonio.  
Capt W C Black. I am left your old friend  
W H Bancroft again



<sup>1110</sup>  
Henderson 22<sup>nd</sup>  
June 1864.

Capt W. W. Barrett

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Referring to the exchange  
of \$60,000 - Treasury notes  
for interest-bearing  
notes -

Wenderson June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1847

St J W Warder

My Dear Sir I leave

for Home tomorrow. I shall be absent some  
Ten days, will only remain here on my  
return some 2 or 3 days, will then pitch  
up for San Antonio. By all means try to  
get the Negro exchanged for me by the  
time I get back to this place. I must  
have the greater portion of this sum for  
my San Antonio trip, out West of here.  
I am told that some Pub & Co report  
bearing bills can be used. Your friend

and wife. He will be put in a good  
position this week. Respectfully Yours

W W Warder

Henderson. 29<sup>th</sup> June. 1864.

W. W. Bond Esq.

Dispatch. awaiting  
friends to be deposited  
if they cannot be  
exchanged -



ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

June 29th 1864

By Telegraph from Newbern 29 1864

To Capt W. C. Black

Deposit funds if they cannot  
be exchanged.

W. W. Barrett  
Capt & agt

W. W. 4

11/12  
Henderson 15th April 1864

W. W. Bant.

Capt. & Agt

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In regard to transpor  
tation of the gunners

Answer

Admiral

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Shreveport April 11 1864

By Telegraph from W. D. Cress 11 11 1864

To St. Al. W. B. Woodwell

Mr. Cressman refuses the urgent request  
despatched. Will you send him an order  
direct.

W. H. Barrett

Capt. T. A. Green

W. H. Barrett

God



413  
Henderson, June 30/64

Capt W W Barnet

410

Report of Cotton in  
his district. baled &  
in Seed - 50,000  
Bales.

Transportation & Purchasing  
Office for Cotton  
Henderson Tex. June 30. 1864

Colonel: I have the honor to submit the  
following report of Cotton in my  
District:

Harrison County	15,000
Shelby "	1,000
Panola "	2,000
Russ "	4,000
McCord "	2,000
Wood "	600
Kaufman "	800
Dallas "	3,000
Van Zandt "	400
Henderson "	300
Agar " "	500
Smith "	2,000
San Augustine "	1,000
Fayette "	2,000
Cherokee "	2,000

Total Gales Cotton 37,400

From the reports of my Agents, I estimate  
that there is Seed Cotton in the above  
Counties, equivalent to 12,400 Gales  
making a total of 50,000 Gales.

I have the honor to be, Colonel

Very respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant

L. C. M. A. Bradwell  
Chief of Cotton Bureau  
Sherman  
La.

M. H. Parrot  
Capt & Agt

11/11  
 Henderson, June 30th 1864

Capt & Mr Banet

A. J. M.

411:

Accompanying his  
 Account & etc.



133  
Transportation Office  
for Cotton Specimen  
Henderson June 30, 1864

Captain: I forward my reports by  
this mail. The balance as shown in my  
Account Current is

Coupon Bonds	32350
Cash advanced on Cotton not yet delivered	1400
	\$33,750

I do not deposit the Bonds with the  
other funds, as I presume it is not re-  
quired. The transfer to Quartermaster's funds  
was made, by direction of Col Spradwell,  
to enable me to pay the outstanding liability  
to this date. I am, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant

Capt W C Mack  
A G M  
Shreveport  
La

W W Farret  
Capt & A G M

Before forwarding these reports, file one  
of the receipts of Col Fattle for \$60,000  
as voucher to 1 & retain the other forms.

1/15  
 Henderson Jan 30th 1864

Capt W W Barnett  
 a. g. m.

412

Accompanying his recent  
 Current, Vouchers &c &c

1340  
Transportation & Purchasing  
Office for Cotton, Finance  
Henderson Co., June 30 1864

Colonel: I have the honor to enclose  
herewith the following Reports, viz:

No 1 Account Current, Voucher 182

No 2 Abstract of Cotton paid for with  
Voucher Nos 1 to 18

No 3 Abstract of Cotton purchased  
and not paid for.

I have the honor to be, Colonel,  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant

Wm H. Spradley  
Chief of Cotton Finance

Shreveport  
La

St. N. Barrett  
Capt & Adj



Henderson, Mich 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Capt W. W. Baruch

1260

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Needs how soon - Enclosed  
letter relation then to

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file

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W. W. Baruch

Private

Hindman Mich 29/65  
Dear Al

I have found of  
the 27<sup>th</sup>, state what you say  
about the Reg of Whiskey &c.  
Have you found it a good  
article, the Gent who made it  
for me, said it was a no.  
As regards the Reg. we can  
arrange that when I see you.  
I am pleased to hear that  
Maj Russell spoke favorably  
of Capt Birge and myself in  
his report, will take great ple-  
asure in reading his report when  
I visit your City.

I know that ~~Capt Birge~~ &

Myself have been all in our  
power to assist the Deput  
we represent. And I feel proud  
to know that those under whose sup  
ervision we acted, express their  
satisfaction at our work.

As regards the Moony matter,  
I regret exceedingly to see what  
you have to say on that subject.  
I had hoped to be able to  
rid myself of this troublesome  
debt with my old Neighbours  
and former Customers, for I  
believe my position is really a very  
unpleasant one. These parties talk  
and write me as tho it was a  
debt of my own; they say from



their long acquaintance with  
me, they sold their cotton expect-  
ing to get their Money punctually  
I wish you could see some  
letters I recently recd. from  
some very or three Ladies whom  
I owe for cotton, I will bring  
them up for your inspection; &  
the fact is Col if there is  
any chance in the world I must  
have funds to pay at least for  
the cotton I purchased. I  
expect to live in this Co after  
the war is over, (if it ever should  
terminate), and I desire at least  
to obtain my old friends who  
have known me for my brotherhood

and who was always ready to  
extend to me a helping hand  
whenever I required assistance. &  
reposed in me the utmost con-  
fidence. Perhaps all you may  
never place in just such a fix  
as I am now, (I hope you may  
never be): if you have not,  
you cannot appreciate my condition.

That you may have some idea  
in advance of my visit to Shropshire  
of my troubles, I here enclose you a  
copy of a letter from one of my ~~dearest~~  
& best friends, I have one also on  
the same subject from one of my dear  
friends ~~which~~ I will bring & show  
you in person. Your friend  
Wm. B. Smith

Cofus  
 Capt W W Barnet

Cherino March 17<sup>th</sup> 1863

I saw Mr Patten your Agent. yesterday who advised me that you had no money on hand to pay for Cotton

When I was at Henderson in Febry you told me that Col Broadwell would certainly furnish you with money as he looked upon the debt as a preference one & one that he felt morally bound to pay or see paid. In fact no other man but you could have got the Cotton on a credit you had always complied with your promise & I hope that you will not disappoint me this time. As I stand greatly in need of the money, advise me when it is received. & I will come to Henderson for it. My taxes are not yet paid & I have promised to advance money to

taxes due by some of friends in the Army  
 My family is well. Your old friend  
 Tho Will died suddenly. Yesterday  
 Your Friend  
 W. G. McKinnon



Hudson Incl 24<sup>th</sup> 1860

4/17  
Capt W.W. Daniel

1246

Enclosing Receipt for \$1000  
under date Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

file

Receipt of \$ At Rm  
Henderson Wash 24/68

D Ripley

Dear Sir

I have given  
of the 22nd Inst, I note what  
Capt Black says on Memo of the  
13th about the 10000 Randed Wash  
for me, Herewith I send you my  
Duplicate Receipt for the 10000 &  
Now ask you to forward me Wash  
Memo, Receipt for same, I feel satisfied  
that I acceptd Capt Black for the  
Amt in some way, for how could I  
otherwise have had the precise date,  
Amt, to whom delivered, &c

J. W. Lamb  
Capt Regt M

Henderson Dr<sup>r</sup> Ind 1865  
4/18

Capt. W. W. T. Barch

1238

Has shipped goods for seed  
of State of Louisiana

File



Receipt Off At Bureau  
Henderson Mich 24/63  
Cal W.A. Bondwell  
Cal

In obedience to  
your order of yesterday per telegraph  
I send forward per Train in charge  
of James Murphy the following  
goods for use of the State of La  
in charge of Mr L A Brown who  
assumes all responsibility between here  
and Throspont, he being along with the  
Train, 9 Large Boxes Cat Cards  
3 Trunks Wdge  
7 Small Boxes Cat Card  
2 Boxes Trunks

Nothing about  
officers

W. H. Sargent  
Capt. Va. M.

Sten drehn Mich 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Capt H. H. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

1263.

Referring McDonalds Cotton  
stowed in the road to Grace

File

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Franklin Office

Anderson Mich 29<sup>th</sup> 65

Recd by Capt

McDonalds, with

Remarks that of 13<sup>th</sup> 65 is sent

at Fortine. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Copy

Office Cotton Depot  
Waco Tex Mich 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865Capt W W Barret  
Henderson TexCapt Yrs of 15<sup>th</sup> Inst

enclosing Receipts for 5 wagon Corns recd

Enclosed please find Highways' mom<sup>o</sup> receipt  
for same.None of the McDonald Cotton  
has yet arrived. Suppose it is detained by  
high water at TrinityWalker left here about  
1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y to settle up some unsettled business  
of Mitchell & Walker. & Madame rumor says  
he has gone to Mexico

I am Capt

Derry Reply

J Grott Sert

R M Texas Major

&amp; Agt C.B.



8/18

Freight Office

Wendover Mich 29/60

Reply referred to by C. L.  
 W. A. Broadwell, with  
 remarks that 37 B/C is stored  
 at Parkers Bluffs (Rightons  
Train) 88 Bales stored  
 at Mrs Stricklands (Hamiltons  
Train) and 24 Bales sent  
 forward by Mr. Trigg which  
 I guess has reached Waco  
 now, for use of Mr McDonald  
 of intended sale, without  
 some countermanding order to  
 load all the Hale Drains 1<sup>st</sup> trip  
 say 350 Bales for Waco, for Mr  
 McDonald;

Hale what Maj. Davis says  
 about Mr. Walker

W. W. Baret  
 Capt & Gen

San Jose, Cal.  
 Dec. 2nd 1881  
 early in the Spring  
 We found Ann dead &  
 thousand dollars &  
 C. D. M.

Transf. of Cotton Bureau  
Anderson Dec 1st 1864

Cal. M. A. Goodwill

Rev. Cotton Bureau

My Dear Cal. I have your

two frames of the 2nd set, and Capt. Sterner  
of the 1st, is anxious to give, have to say that  
it will take me a little some time first of  
Jan. to send up the Bal. of the permits from  
Mr. Dick, I cannot possibly get the weighing  
Machine &c. the day later, before that time, it  
is destroyed all over the Country like Sterner  
in late from 2 to 30 Sales, I have only one



get here to attend to such business, and  
with what I have on hand and Capt. Plannons  
to be paid, it will take me from 15<sup>th</sup> Jan  
to 1<sup>st</sup> Febry to get thro, I will however  
try to secure additional help and get thro  
as soon as possible,

As regards the 50 Thousand Dollars you  
speak of being at my disposal with Capt. Gay,  
I have to say, that amt will be of but little  
use to me, it will not be a drop in the bucket,  
I will owe on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan (60) ind of gr,  
for Transportation, Freight Bills, Cotton Bought  
Mechanics, Price of Negroes &c Not less than  
Three Hundred Thousand Dollars; which amt I

have promised the people, ~~upon~~ promises and  
assurances made me by you and Capt Black  
and I do hope Cal that you will do all  
in your power to make good my word, you  
know the great secret of success is prompt-  
ness, the way ~~to~~ have my matter now arran-  
ged, if I can be furnished with funds  
I can succeed, if that I must go by the  
Board, you must bear in mind that the  
most of the funds need from you, for the  
last C. M. I have ret'd back into the  
hands of Depositors by on 1<sup>st</sup> July I turned  
over one hundred and thirty one thousand  
five hundred dollars, the old issue rec'd from



I am truly & have been  
 ever ready & have had  
 early in the Spring of '90  
 the two hundred or two hundred  
 thousand dollars, I think  
 can sustain myself, do all  
 I had much rather be a  
 sub post master, than be  
 in debt.

As regards Capt. Perinsons Cache I will  
send an apt and look after the dig lot,  
as soon as this is done, will forward him  
the Permit,

Wishing soon to receive a  
favourable answer hereby I am Cal  
Your obt Servt  
W H Sargent  
Capt & Lt. Col.



2421  
Henderson 9 Dec 64

Capt W W Barrett

823

Enclosing receipt of  
M. Metz, Atkin  
for 95125 lbs cotton  
delivered at Pulaski

Book 100.111

Smith B. Co. of Iowa  
Des Moines, Iowa 9<sup>th</sup> 64  
Capt H. C. Smith

My Dear Capt

Dear Sir

I send you Wagon & Haul  
and Shingles kept for two  
hundred Bales of Cotton delivered  
at Duluth weighing 95129 lbs  
leaving Bal due on your order of  
20<sup>th</sup> 64.

Yours At Serv

W. H. Smith

Capt H. C. Smith

11.2<sup>0</sup>  
Memorandum 7th Dec 1864

Capt W. W. Burch

809

Referring to the 838  
bales of cotton of Capt  
Sturgeson.

Col. W. A. Broadwell  
Thurport  
Ln

file



Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1864  
Andover Dec 1864  
Col W A Burdell  
Col

I am back in  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Det.  
enclosing the Certificate for Capt  
Stephen Catlin 1<sup>st</sup> Lt 1<sup>st</sup> Det  
1<sup>st</sup> Regt, 4<sup>th</sup> Mass Inf  
The great pleasure to act promptly  
in the matter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Det 1<sup>st</sup> Regt  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> Mass Inf to proper  
and right for the 1<sup>st</sup> Det 1<sup>st</sup> Regt  
which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Det 1<sup>st</sup> Regt

Suppose for instance, the parties  
agree to deliver the the cotton  
upon 30 days, then you see I  
will have given out my certificate  
and permit you 335 lbs. when  
only I have used none,

The rest here is very true & I  
cannot promise you assistance,  
if you will send Dick Walsh  
out and let him get from the party  
except for the lot in my name. It  
be delivered when called for. I  
will take the lot at an average price  
of 12 to 16 lbs per bale from original weight.  
Truly yours W. H. Smith & Co

Henderson 26<sup>th</sup> Decr 1844

423

W. W. Barrett.

885-

Report of transposition.

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Transportation Office  
for Cotton Bureau  
Memphis December 24, 1864

Colonel.

I have the honor to ack your favor of  
the 17th inst.

In reply I have, 23 Four Mule Teams  
34 Six  
18 Three Yoke Ox "  
53 Four " " "

They were 725 B/C at each trip - one half of  
the Ox Teams are now near Sarasota, the remainder  
are here, on the point of leaving, most of them will  
get off tomorrow. The Mule Teams are here  
two one, and are now heading for Waco.

It is impossible for me to form an estimate of  
the number of B/C under the order referred to,  
as I do not know many of the non resident  
owners of Cotton.

Yours respectfully  
Wm. H. James  
Capt T & Gm

Very respectfully  
Your Oth Servant  
Wm. H. James  
Capt T & Gm

My transportation is less now than it has been owing  
to my having discharged several Teams which I  
had promised to owners at the 1st Jan'y. I hope to have  
them places filled soon.

Henderson Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Capt. W. W. Baruch.

959

Wine in Shunepack on the  
Do<sup>st</sup> with

file

Transept Off Cal Sumner  
Henderson Lang 16th  
Cal H A Broadwell  
Cal

I leave here  
on Thursday next for your place,  
will reach there on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>,  
expect to spend some 3 or 4 days  
with you, when there. Desire to  
fix up some way for my friend  
Capt Stinson, to get his permit  
has set forth  
H H Sanch  
Capt 109<sup>th</sup>



Shreveport 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 1863

M. W. Barbet Agt.

Referring to the business  
of the Cotton Bureau  
or transportation.

Post Office  
Greensport La August 21 63

Col

You proposed last evening for me to  
make out a Dist. in which I would act  
as Q.M. for the Cotton Bureau. to facilitate  
the action of the Govt. in this gigantic undertaking.  
I would agree to undertake if agreeable to my  
self. Major Winter for whom I have the highest  
respect. to take ~~off~~ in connection with Capt.  
N. A. Pigeon all that portion of La West of the  
Ouachitta and North of Stachitoches Parish  
and all that portion of Texas East of the Trinity  
River. This I would propose dividing by  
drawing a line East & West from the Ouachitta  
to the Trinity and give each one a separate  
District. by this means each of us would be located  
in sections in which we are thoroughly acquainted  
with its people as well as resources of the country.  
by this means we may be successful for the  
country and gain some reputation for ourselves. With  
the distinct understanding however that we in our  
respective Dist. are not to be molested or brought in  
contact with other Govt. agents in the hire or purchase  
of transportation. nor subject to the order of any  
other Dept. than that of the Cotton Bureau. and  
that we are furnished with the necessary amount of  
funds to purchase or hire as you may  
direct. the required amt of transportation

I am Col.  
Very Respectfully  
Yours  
W. W. Dancy  
Capt & Post. Q. M.

To W. W. Broadwell.

Property again was in market. Offer  
 are not expected. W. Henderson  
 with 2 mill, have 1000000  
 Material & lumber  
 of long, Lombard  
 running order. The  
 and (unclear) needed. The  
 Henderson, May 1886  
 Paper W. W. Dargh  
 1328  
 Transportation  
 Dear  
 (W)



Transit Office  
 Henderson May 4/68  
 Cal W A Broadwell  
 My Dear  
 (We) Your  
 1328  
 11/1/68  
 11/1/68

and myself) reached here yesterday  
 having on the way a thousand and  
 one mishaps. Stage breaking down,  
 horses giving out &c. &c. But  
 thanks to the Lord, we got thro'  
 without any broken bones. The May  
 is the greatest Man to fix up  
 broken wheels. Cox says horses  
 &c. &c. & our Sam. He left  
 here on yesterday per Stage and  
 I heard this morning per Felix  
 of his safe arrival at Rust.

He Succeeded in getting a Sub  
in Stage at Marshall when after  
1st 25 others were left behind  
only had arrived there a trip  
or two before us. My mood  
for it. he will work his way  
along if there is any show at all.

Let you know that the  
Genl. gave a Most positive order  
that my Transportation should be  
sent to me by this 1st Inst, today  
I wish you would see Capt. Cary  
and if the same had not been  
ordered to report to me. please  
have the matter attended to at once,  
from what I hear of the same  
when at Thompson. I greatly fear

I shall never be able to get  
them in good fix again, and the  
animal we have lost since the  
Trains have been at Thompson's  
am satisfied cannot ever be repla-  
ced, and in Justice to me &  
the Bureau which you have had  
the honor to represent, the off-  
icer who had charge of the Train  
at the time of the loss should  
be made to at for the property  
on his papers, our loss in animals  
since the Trains have been at Thump-  
ton for 12 Months past is much  
greater than the previous 12 Months,  
this you see will look bad on  
my papers, when in fact I had no



Control over the property, again  
if the Wagon are not repaired  
before they are put to, I will have  
to use all the Material I have on  
hand in the way of iron, timber &c  
to put them in running order. This  
for you I will look back on my  
papers, and leave the defective  
Material for future repairs &c.

I don't speak of these things by  
way of complaining, but merely  
mention them to show my condition.  
Say to Wag Thomas that just as  
soon as my teams reach here & I  
can get them repaired &c I will  
proceed to extend to his Dept a  
helping hand

W. W. Bant  
attn

Henderson Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Capt W. W. Barnich

1221

Telegram - wishing for  
Qm. funds sent him.

file

Capt W. W. Barnich

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT.....

BY TELEGRAPH FROM.....

TO.....

1863

1863

1863

Physicist Mack 18  
Henderson " 18  
Col. W. A. Broadwell  
I have thirty thousand dollars  
in Maj. Haynes hands trans-  
portation funds. Call & get it  
for me at once & send by  
first safe chance & forward  
receipts for my signature  
Answer if you get the funds



Memorandum by 1865

Capt W. W. V. Barnet

1221

Telegram - wishing to know  
how funds sent him.

File

Capt H. A. Broadwell

(27452220)

W. W. Barnet  
Capt of Regt

Memorandum dated 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Capt W. W. V. Barnet

1221

Telegram - wishing to know

Dr. funds sent him.

File

Capt W. W. V. Barnet

37 p 2220

W. W. Barnet  
Capt & Major

Henderson Entry 10/865

428  
Capt W.W. Paruh

1067

Hiding receipts for 5  
Lan & Books

file



Townsend Opp Col. Brown  
November 1863  
Col. W. A. Burdett

My Dear Col.  
Capt. Hall

of Newton requires me to  
request you to copy proper  
Letter Books, sent your Office,  
one of which I took for my  
own Office, the other to send by  
you and Capt. Black, enclosed  
I send you Requisition in duplicate  
which please sign and return me

Truly &c W. A. Burdett  
Capt. &c

Henderson, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1865  
W. W. Barrett  
944

Is advised by his wife that Gov  
Allen is offering \$40. per day for  
for time - wishes to know if such  
is the rate by sanction of his  
Executive.

file

There are three  
of the reports of  
the system are made  
not authorized by  
the report is  
the fact that  
there are three

Truett Co. Cal. Sum.  
Henderson Day 1875  
Cal. S. A. Goodwill  
Cal.

very much regret all  
that I have had to  
regret all this my distress  
ing 248, per day 1875 for the  
year and 1876, the year  
which we are in. if such  
a case is persisted in, I  
will feel I of course  
can not do more than to  
Schedule later and must sign



Since all I said by line,  
I am directed to believe that  
the copies are made by persons  
not authorized by Gen Allen; I  
therefore respectfully ask that you  
call the Gen's attention to this  
matter, and note me in answer.

J. A.

Your Obedt Servt

W. H. Smith

11th April

in the case of James Smith

1,30

I found in my  
at a higher rate  
sale price, this I  
 justice to those who  
 came with me at

, and for the fact  
 is say to me & my  
 by cannot spare their  
 from their farms,  
 they turn right  
 here to other parties  
 of her day

W. H. Farret

Capt & a. g. m.

1,30

a fund in my  
at a higher rate  
due price, this I  
 justice to those who  
 transact with me at

And for the fact  
 as say to me & my  
 by cannot spare their  
 from their farms,  
 they turn right  
 here to other parties  
 of her day

W. W. Farret

Capt & A. G. M.



1387  
Transpt Off Henderson Aug 11/65  
Respectfully referred to Col H A  
Broadwell, with request that he confer  
with Gen Allen, on the subject of paying  
such high prices, & this is not stop-  
ped; I must soon lose all except  
my detailed transportation, not  
feeling authorized to pay more than the  
Schedule price. It is evident that  
these parties hiring their Teams at 40¢  
per day, can spare them from their  
farms, in view of which I most  
Respectfully ask that you procure from  
the Comd. Genl, an order, authorizing  
the Officers under me to take provision  
over

1,30

of all Teams found in my  
Dict. hired at a higher rate  
than the Schedule price, this I  
ask for in Justice to those who  
continue their Teams with me at  
Schedule rates, and for the fact  
that these parties say to me & my  
agents that they cannot spare their  
Wagons & Teams from their farms,  
when exact they turn right  
around and hire to other parties  
at 50 & 40¢ per day

W. H. Barrett

Capt &amp; A. G. M.

Barthage Parola Co January 7, 1865  
 Capt W W Burch  
 Henderson.

I would most respectfully represent to you that there is a Mr James Jones in this Co representing himself to be an agent for Govt Allen of La. procuring Transportation. He is paying for H & H Mule Teams 30¢ & 40¢ per day. By reason of such extravagant prices being paid. I am not only prevented from employing other wagons &c. but am losing those which I have that are not detailed & ordered to report to you.

I have been in your employ for 18 months & am satisfied that I have done my duty both to the owners of the Teams & the Govt. I have heard no dissatisfaction until the above alluded to has offered so much more than you are authorized to pay.

Unless a stop is put to such proceedings the Wagons & Teams not owned by men specially detailed by you. will quit the employ of the C. S. Govt & go into <sup>the</sup> service of Govt Allen.

Another evil is that such extravagant prices greatly depreciate the currency. Making it impossible for those who remain with you to buy Mules. As others who are getting Horses as much can pay much higher prices.

I am very Respectfully

J. H. Crunkshaw.  
 Wagon Master



Henderson Quincy 7<sup>th</sup> / 1865

Capt W. W. Barret

92<sup>nd</sup>

Refers to the impossibility of permits  
reaching San Antonio by July 1<sup>st</sup> and  
desires that the time should be extended  
desires suggestions in regard to Capt  
Henderson Cotton - Have not used  
the 4 & 8 per cent Bonds - Desires  
order for independence of cotton done

file

London Aug 1763  
Mr. Mr. Grafton  
Sir

I am last in  
Depth of your favor of the 2<sup>d</sup>  
last, I note especially what you  
say on the subject of permits,  
I cannot see how the people  
can possibly get their permits  
to San Antonio by the line you  
mention, especially those who have  
not got the delivering & have  
not yet paid them, those who  
did not, some to some purpose

Waters, and I will be sure to  
and please they will give hope to  
that this letter, before they will  
return, and I do think the Lord  
God ought and will extend the  
time, I wish I could be about  
the only one to be in the subject,

The Agents Capt Thomas  
Peters, I really don't know what  
to do, or say, I cannot get any  
other assistance, what would you  
suggest, the time is very short  
and something must be done, I am  
willing to do any thing consistent



To further my friend's  
Pleasures.

As regards the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Books, I fear, I have time  
made to see them, perhaps  
after awhile they will be

I note you a few days  
since on the subject of finding  
order by Smith, Tracy & Co  
and the Regent Co<sup>y</sup> is important  
this ought to be attended to at once  
for I am assured you that the  
large Cotton Bales from New  
York, which are not yet

taken care not to let  
 and instructions as you gave  
 the Station and that the  
 good people of this place will  
 think as I do that your  
 Office is a perfect one

Yours

Report of the Inspector of Prisons  
 showing the condition of the  
 during that the time showed the necessity  
 action suggested in regard to capital  
 the 1st of March - 1865  
 order for improvement of station house

Sturdevant, Henry 2<sup>d</sup> 1865  
 Capt. W. H. Board  
 924

Hudson July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Carl W. Bennett

1059

Transportation delayed by storm

C. W. Bennett

My Dear

file I have

now given to know

by return time, and I

hardly to say that

in this section it is

more the telegraph

to give us the best

direct power.

The West is ingrat

the future are natu



Hudson July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Call W. W. Bennett

Transcript of Col. Bureau

1059

Transportation delayed by storm

Col. H. A. Boardman

My Dear Col.

file I have none of  
your former acknowledgments. I  
do return them, and I write Mr.  
Merry to say that every thing  
in this section is water found,  
and the Telegraphic wire is  
to give us the extent of the  
section.

The water is in fact all of  
the same are water found.

Some at the Trinity, Some at  
 the Tucker, and Some here.  
 These roads from Waco, (Some  
 40 in 40) are loaded heavy  
 with Cotton &c. On account  
 the destitute condition of our  
 Groves in the field I regret  
 exceedingly the detention of our  
 Teams, but now they are agreed  
 that I will do all in my power  
 to push the goods along as  
 soon as possible, my agents  
 report the roads in most fair  
 condition, Bridges all washed

Am. & C. in consequence of  
all which, I fear our Gifts  
must for some time to come, all  
be put off.

We have had no Mail here  
for ten days past, consequently  
I am still unable to report the  
quantity of Cotton acquired in  
M. Diet under Special Order  
&c.

What writing I am in acct  
of your my former of the 3rd  
inst. in answer to which have to  
say that I am informed that the



William B. Chas. Co. has  
 turned back to the original owner  
 the 200,000 lbs. purchased, being  
 exactly the quantity on hand by  
 purchase will be 200 Bales left,  
 and as to the quantity acquired  
 under Special Order I feel I can  
 not tell until I can hear from  
 Mr. J. C. Co. As to Judge Rice  
 intimates that he would like to  
 have the whole 200 Bales in Har-  
 rison Co. if I give him all  
 there, will have to draw pretty heavy  
 on the Albany Cotton. Could you

Not Make it into like the  
Cotton in the vicinity of Natchitoches  
as a specimen of the good and  
bad. Some the market is better  
for the 10 and the best too,  
It is true the cotton here is  
superior in quality to the one  
here here and will sell for 2  
to 3¢ more in Market, but  
the cotton we have in this section  
is of the same quality for us to  
transport.

As regards the cotton from  
Mr. McDonald I have only

I have been on the way,  
 had it put down for the deten-  
 tion of my friend would have  
 had by the time at least four  
 miles on wheels.

The amount which was to be paid  
 due Messrs King & Co for the Dan-  
 apt of Cotton due them. ought to  
 be made a part of the original  
 debt, and I certify to an-  
 dco for hauling to Mary & Co  
 when it is actually hauled by  
 K & Co.

Yours At Service  
 J. H. Burt  
 Attorney



Henderson, Russell Co., Texas  
5th October 1864

Genl W Foster  
of Russell Co Texas  
Permit to Export  
Heavy Lard of Cotton  
weighing 19.325 pounds  
Ordered to Mexico

Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport 11th Oct 1864  
Recorded in this Office,  
this day as R. B. Black  
Capt & A. G. M  
for Chief of Bureau

Handgung from M.D.  
Shreveport 11th Oct 1864  
This permit attached to  
the Cotton within specified,  
and can only be used to  
export the same -  
A transfer of this Permit  
can only be made by a  
transfer of the property -  
The Officer whose duty

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It is to say Cotton through  
the lines for exportation  
to Mexico, will take  
up and return this  
permits, cancelled, to  
Department Headquarters  
The action of Capt  
W W Bant, A. G. M  
is approved  
E. King

#1317.  
8 B/c  
John James  
Dec 5, 1864  
Egle Paf  
#1318. 16 B/c  
#1319. 19 "  
J. D. Berry  
Eagle Paf  
Dec 5, 1864



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Communication from  
W W Barst  
Sept 12. m.



1861  
Post Office

Shreveport August 17th 1861

Col. I answer to your communication of the 16th Inst. I have  
to say, as regards the transportation of this Dept. Much  
can be done, by securing the services early and promptly  
of energetic and efficient men. Almost every Planter  
along the River have fine Cr. Horse Teams. (and now that there  
is but very little Cotton Planted and in many places none at all)  
One from each plantation can be spared, and I believe  
most of the Planters will agree with me on this point,  
but to successfully effect this end, prudent energetic and  
careful men must be selected. Men too who have some  
acquaintance with the people and the resources of the  
Country. First the people must be shown the urgent and im-  
mediate wants of the Country. The very great necessity of  
concentrating at some safe and secure point. The  
large quantity of Govt Cotton now exposed to the enemy.  
They are well aware of the fact that Cotton is the only  
commodity in this Department that will secure the  
positions of Men now so greatly needed, to protect the  
faith of our Govt. already flinched. They too must be  
apured and convinced that this is no private Spec-  
ulation. - Therefore so often practised in this Dept.  
When this is all fully explained, and the Citizens convinced of  
the facts. My word for it. They will promptly Respond  
to the Call of any Legal agent of the Govt.

as regards improvement. I would ~~not~~ in no instance  
advise such a course, when it could possibly be avoided  
My experience at this post as well as the Country at large.  
Thoroughly convinces me that the great Mass of the  
People are willing ~~are willing~~ and ready at all times  
to render that aid and assistance to the Govt which they  
may require without resorting to Improvements -  
Much can be done in the way of outfitting Teams  
by gathering up all the ~~Carriage~~ Carts On hand and  
Reas and its Tributaries and converting them into  
Ox Wagons or Carts which when done will have  
Capacity to carry not less than 8 Tons. and too a  
great many Broken Wagons are scattered about  
through the County, which might be gathered up  
repaired and made serviceable. To do this however  
the services of a good many Mechanics will be required  
and again in Eastern and Middle Texas there must be left  
a very large quantity of Teams consisting however mostly of  
ox Teams but for the Transp. of Cotton Ordinance and other  
Stocs. I would prefer them. For the Fall and Winter months  
and in the North Western portion of Texas where the Mass  
of the Refugees from Mo, Ark La and Miss. have gone.  
Certainly many Teams can be spared. But to accomplish  
this. a very considerable amt of funds will be required  
for these Prisoners & Refugees, will require payt down  
and too I would suggest the propriety of paying



Money for every Team purchased. They can be  
purchased cheaper and with much more success  
and in fact I have considerable doubt whether or not  
they can at all be purchased on a credit. The people  
having been heretofore so greatly humbugged with  
certified a/c. And in my humble opinion if the  
services of Practical and Industrious Men can be secured  
and put to work in time with the necessary out of funds  
that 100 good Teams can be within one month have placed  
upon the Road between this point and the Rio Grande  
besides many other Teams which can be hired from Santa  
Fe at a shorter distance. — As regards my  
knowledge of G M and Men not liable to conscription  
suitable to the Navy in this emergency I am loath to  
mention the name of any <sup>one</sup> knowing as I do the very  
great responsibility which must necessarily rest upon  
those I should do, and for fear too that I might not be  
able to suggest the name of one who is suited for the  
emergency. There is one G M however whose name  
I would most willingly recommend in this connection  
if I thought his services could possibly be dispensed  
with at this point. This G M is Capt N A Buge  
Repat G M at this place he is emphatically the  
man for such an emergency. To repair sent  
in order and start a train he has no superior  
he too is thoroughly acquainted with the people and the  
resources of the country.



As regards my own Services in this matter  
of which you did me the kindness to speak  
in such flattering terms. Permit me  
to say. that I am now as I have ever been  
since the Commencement of this War Willing  
and Ready to serve my <sup>Country</sup> at the Capacity in  
which she may think I can be of the most  
Service. By way of suggestion I would  
mention for your Consideration the propriety of  
establishing Two General Depositions. under  
Charge of Q. M. at each end of the Route.  
Over which you propose hauling the greater  
Portion of the Govt Cotton. These Q. M. by acting  
harmoniously and in concert can in a very short  
time establish Minor Depots along at proper  
distances at which places any quantity of  
freight can be deposited and exposed to Trains  
as they pass. and too they can establish work  
shops along on the Route. gather up old Wagons  
through the Country Repair and put them in order  
and as a Train arrives with a bad or Broken Wagon

Supply its place with One from the Ship and by  
this means keep constantly on hand a good supply of  
Wagons ready for any emergency for that portion  
of the Port Cotton. On the Quachitta and its Tributaries  
now so greatly expected. I would recommend all  
small lots gathered together at Wipots. and disposed  
of if possible where it is done. This seems to me  
might be done but if accomplished must be done speed-  
ily - for all that portion of the Port Cotton On Rio  
River and its Tributaries I would propose hauling  
some 15 or 20 miles in the Country Interior for  
the present. This can all be done in my judgment  
by the Planters along On the Rivers whilst in  
the mean time a Train can be gotten out for  
the Rio Grande. and during the Fall Winter and  
Spring months such quantities as may be desired  
can be hauled to Brownsville and such other  
points as may be selected.

again as regards the red iron  
implement I would most respectfully recommend that an efficient  
officer be immediately clothed with proper authority and dispatched  
to Texas to suppress the claims now in the hands of speculators.  
Many trains are now flying between this place  
and the Rio Grande but mostly between Houston and Antonio



And Towns represented as Port Towns when  
 in fact they are hired or owned by Mercenaries  
 Speculators who are bleeding the Port. from every  
 pore. a Stop must be put to this. in order that the  
 People may be convinced that frauds of this character  
 will no longer be tolerated. Then and not until  
 then. may we safely rely upon the full cooperation  
 and assistance of the Citizens Generally

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully  
 Yours  
 W. W. Oakes  
 Capt. Port & Co.

To  
 Hon. W. Oakes



to succeed, which, when accomplished, will enable me to devote a portion of my time to the Gov, but whether I can devote all, is a question so much involved in contingencies and the future, that I am not prepared to answer.

My inclination prompts me to accept, and my good wife, true to her Mississippi instincts, says I may go and she will try and <sup>earn</sup> look for

Windsor June 29th 1863  
Dear Colonel

I was truly glad to hear from you - your letter of 17th inst, reached me two days ago, and altho not prepared for the information you communicate in regard to my appointment as Ass Secy, at the joint instance of Genl P. & your good self, the knowledge of my new position, thus obtained, possesses additional interest to me. It tells me you are still at your post, the post of duty notwithstanding the want of appreciation of what I consider invaluable services, manifested in high quarters in the representative branch of the Government.

Your course, Colonel, in the matter alluded to, has raised you, if possible, in my estimation and must have had the same effect with all who know you & who know how faithfully and efficiently you have served the Gov, 'tis true the Senatorial nature of man is wounded under unprovoked rebuke, and he suffers therefore even more than the guilty, but, the difference, the one suffers only in his own estimation, the other, in the estimation of the world - Pardon me for alluding to this matter, but I could not address you without saying how unworthily you were held up to public notoriety, and how honorably you have vindicated yourself - Were you a Christian man, I would say turn to 1st Peter 2nd Chapt. 20 verse and there find your comfort in the fact that they who do well and suffer for it, and bear it patiently, their cause is acceptable with God -

In reference to my appointment, I hardly know what to say, two duties present themselves to my mind, one to my family, the other, to my country, and while they are not by any means antagonistic, yet an immediate acceptance of my Commission, might result unpleasantly to my family - I have just succeeded in procuring them a home, have not been able to procure scarcely any comforts, for want of the necessary time, but am making all the arrangements I can, and hope



to succeed, which, when accomplished, will enable me to devote a portion of my time to the Gov, but whether I can devote all, is a question so much involved in contingencies and the future, that I am not prepared to answer.

My inclination prompts me to accept, and my good wife, true to her Mississippi instincts, says I may go and she will try and take <sup>care</sup> of the family; in the generosity of her nature, she looks not at the responsibilities involved in the care of six little children, in these trying times, but only at the supposed good I may be the instrument of accomplishing - Thus you see the difficulties in the way of my going into the service are not very great, not so much so as those resulting from a long continued absence from home - this is the only question which has come up to my mind with any force, and I should like to see you in person, for I think the service you wish me to engage in will admit of my occasional visits to my family - I will not be able to report for duty before the last of July, not later than the 1st of August - and if, in the mean time, you will address me a few lines to this place, I would be glad - I expect to go to Shreveport, in a few days, on business, & will call on Major Thomas - I shall expect to hear from you in reply to this, upon its receipt, for it takes a long time for letters to come here by post -

With my best respects

Yours truly

Attest W A Broadwell

W B Black

Alexandria, La

I have great faith that we will whip Grant at Vicksburg, and in less than six months, drive all the Yankees out of Louisiana -







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Hingham 29 Feb, 1837  
Wm Brewster

unappreciated letter



Unofficial

Manhett Nov 29/64

Colonel,

I have been much occupied since my arrival, in writing and arranging for printing the Machine in ~~the~~ the New Regulations - I wish for San Antonio, Agent for Galena & Sampson for Hamilton, are the only Agents, all good men & write them and, I hope to succeed - It is with fear & trembling that I tell you of this business - but you remember my motto of "What I do, I do the best in my Circumstances" all my life, I shall try to do, and if I fail, I will not be an exception - I have been stopping at the Hotel, which makes my quarters unpleasant, and last week we are a private family - with mine several prospects, but nothing to compare with the ~~prospects~~, there enjoyed at Springfield - I should like to have the services of Mr. Ripley in the office - Mr. Perkins will, I think, require Mr. Lane - if he does not, he will be much advantageously by comparison with the office - I hope the Collectors on the Rio Grande will appoint Mr. Lane - such appointments are provided for under the Regulations, and placed in the hands of said Collectors - Your favor of 27<sup>th</sup> ~~the~~ ~~in~~ hand - I thank you as Mr. apprehension in reference to the several orders issued by the Commanding Genl - Order 84. had two parts, the 1st ordering all Custom Officers to report to Judge Gray - this he did not do, and did <sup>not</sup> all the General to do - but the 2nd part, referring to the ~~discontinuation~~ of ~~business~~ under order 35 - this



the Judge did require, as its Continuance would  
not only conflict with the New Regulations, but greatly  
impair their ~~efficiency~~ efficiency in working under them.

I do not understand that the Judge wished to  
interfere with any Contract made for the procurement  
of Cotton, to pay ~~substantially~~ for supplies - up to  
the issuance of order 84 - but he was, and is, opposed  
to the purchase of any more Cotton under 35, he preferring  
all such accounting to be made under the New  
Regulations - If your purchasing up to the issuance  
of 84, were not made your existing, arrangements  
might be made with the Treasury Dept, to provide  
for the balance - If there is not a limit to the  
supporting under order 35 - but to be left open for  
holding of receipts to see them when it suits  
their convenience - Confusion must attend when the  
two modes are being used in removing Cotton out of  
the Country - I think your debt should be paid,  
as right, just & reasonable in your endeavoring to  
provide the means to liquidate them - Now do I think  
the Treasury Agent is opposed to you in this matter  
but the point of difference is in the mode of securing  
the means - Which he insists should be settled by the  
Law - I told Major Russell that I thought the Cotton  
Bureau should ~~collect~~ collect its means together  
& use them in the payment of its debt, and then  
if found inadequate, that application should be  
made to this agency, for money to Cotton to make  
good the deficit - I am still of this opinion -  
~~What~~ Should you see the Cotton at Portauke,  
as you proposed - you deprive this office of

Means essential to its success - With all the  
transportation in your Bureau - and all the accessible  
Cottons, at your disposal, how could the Commanding  
Genl look to this Agency as the source from whence  
to draw supplies, we ought to be at work now, ~~but~~  
it is expected of us to furnish supplies in time for  
the Army - but what means have we at our Command,  
Now? Can we have until your business is settled  
up? & if it should be the cause of impeding our  
work, and depriving the Army of goods, will it not  
greatly diminish the credit due the Bureau for  
efforts ~~already~~ ~~being~~ made to supply the Department,  
and which is now being <sup>accorded, because</sup> ~~accorded~~ of the introduction  
of supplies much needed - I have some more to report it from the General.

If this Agency is to wait until February, before  
it can begin to move Cotton, I hope the Genl  
will move me to some other position more  
adapted to my limited capacity - We are all  
working for the same cause, and to accomplish the same  
results, viz the good of the Army - And I hope a way will  
be devised in which both can accomplish their  
ends - I have mentioned your, Coln, at a sampling  
date, the thoughts as they present themselves to my  
mind - they have not been ~~not~~ ~~settled~~ settled to any one &  
are only intended for you, unless you direct to another.

I have no assurance that Judge Gray would consent to  
providing for your deficits, but I think if you were  
to propose to him, that he would on the propriety of it  
& would to any request looking to that end - but I repeat  
I am & my friend Hapt. Sherman -  
Yours truly W. C. Black



Copy of Letter  
1/38  
To C. Black Chp. O. S. S.  
J.

P. M. Gray Agt. Treasury  
March 23<sup>d</sup> 1865

Please return  
file to day  
J. S. S.

Treasury Agency S.F. Office  
Marshall 23<sup>d</sup> March 1865

Don P. M. Gray  
Treasury Agent-  
Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that I read a letter from a Mr. Thos. M. Shirley of Denver, this morning in which the following, in substance, appears.

'Sir' Messrs. King & Co. will purchase your cotton and get not only by your own detail, but one man for each 50 Bales, you will sell to them, on the following terms:- You are to deliver your cotton within fifty miles of Millican, and have it valued at 7¢ per pound, in specie - they will then furnish you with a permit to carry it out, charging you 6¢ per pound for the same to be deducted from the 7¢; and the remaining one cent, they will pay you in drafts on Brownsville. You and they then become mutual partners in the aforesaid lot of cotton, and when sold, the net proceeds will be equally divided, after paying all costs of transportation and necessary expenses to send it to the Mexican Market, and for selling it."

The person who exhibited this letter called on me to make arrangements to carry out-  
200 Bales, of Cotton preferring to help the South,  
instead of King Geo; and when I informed  
him, I could not ask for his detail, and for  
others, on the terms above recited, evinced  
some surprise that Mr King Geo should  
have conferred on them, privileges which  
the exigencies of the Military Service has  
denied to this Agency

Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt  
W C Black  
Capt & Chief  
F. S. of



*[Faint, illegible handwriting covering the page]*

*Black to Broad*

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Cotton Bureau

Memphis 14th June 1864

Dear Colonel

I dispatched you yesterday in reference to funds ~~for~~ over to me by Major Buckner. Who arrived here a day or two after your departure - He sold 287 bales, damaged, at 140¢ each & 182 bales in good sound at \$180 - both lots in bad order - He received in payment \$10,000. - of Federal Currency & the balance in Mr. Butler's Co. 5% draft on Woodruff & Co. for \$31,599.25 - payable in Gold, taken in lieu of the green backs, at one for two dollars - This draft and 4000 in green backs, are the funds referred to in my dispatch both are in my hands, they should be used as soon as possible - Under the General's order, I ought to deposit with Mr. Butler, but he is not here to check them out, and none of his staff have the authority to do it - I am reluctant to make the deposit without your advice. I am satisfied that the draft is of questionable value, and not worth the paper on which it is written, but Minard thinks it good & so does the Major - the Cotton was sold to Minard & he guaranteeing its payment - It should be used without delay - the General may be induced to provide for it, if it could go forward immediately, hoping to delude us into larger sales, but that they are honestly disposed towards us, I am not willing to believe -

In a recent dispatch, Mr. Marshall ~~wishes~~ to know if you wish him to build flat boats for the Army. I answered that you were absent, and that your decision would be made known as soon as received -

I got Sherman to go to Pulaski to examine reports upon the fort interests in that quarter - which you



Will find herewith enclosed - I hope Colm At  
 will be able to furnish the required amount of  
 Materials for repairs at Orange - If the late  
 orders sent will in Texas, it is hoped the Texas  
 Office, with what we are sending you - will  
 be able to acquire all the Cotton necessary - without  
 any further shipments from this quarter - the condition  
 of the baling Materials is such, to say nothing of the  
 extraordinary expense attending its transportation, as to  
 render the Cotton of little value to the Texas Office  
 after it has arrived - I enclose you an unofficial  
 letter from Thos D Miller, I advised him I should  
 refer it to you, in doing which it took occasion to  
 use the following language - "Your 'unofficial' I will  
 refer to Colm Broadwell, as I do not <sup>care</sup> wish to commit  
 the Govt to any of Major McKuss Contracts, without  
 knowing more than I do of them, The prices agreed  
 upon for the B & R appear to be excessive, which  
 cannot be said to be the case for the property going  
 in exchange for them - He complains in an official  
 letter of his inability, owing to the devastation of the country,  
 to obtain sufficient help to aid him in protecting  
 the Govt property - and wishes to remove it to this  
 place, to which I made reply, "If you can house  
 the Cotton, I should judge its removal to this place would  
 be attended with great loss of the staple and a heavy  
 expense - If you can house the Cotton at Alexandria, or  
 put it under shelter, so as to secure it from the weather  
 & from loss by pilloage, it would be the best course -  
 I am led to this belief from the considerations



of the small facilities to be found at this place, for keeping the quantity you have on hand, and the probability that much of the Cotton may have been stolen from our own people, who may set up claims to it, and which the Govt might be induced to recognize as rights, which ought to be respected; Should it, however, be Govt property, it might be profitably used where it now is in payment of Govt claims based upon Cotton - Major Sanders writing to this office that Genl Taylor's Deptmt will require Cotton to make the payment of Supplies which have been introduced & which may be, I know nothing of the Supplies he refers to, but, if they be of sufficient character to warrant the District Commander in making requisitions for Cotton, we will be met in Alexandria - Major Sargent requires Cotton at Alexandria & Hatchets, for Hospital purposes, I have ref.<sup>d</sup> his application to you, you will notify him of your readiness to meet his requisition - Give for Hospital purposes, some Cotton, if you have it, or Bobs in the present order you can find, as they will answer the purposes intended, + + + + Being on the spot, and familiar with all the difficulties attending your work, much must be left to your own discretion & good judgment, in its management which I am sure will always have in view the public good - I hope you had a pleasant journey to Houston, Write me soon - Wish I had something of interest to communicate -

Yours friend  
Black

1440  
 C. H. Smith  
 14th Nov 1863

Copy of instructions  
 given by Col. H. P. Smith  
 to Capt A. J. Smith  
 to purchase bagging  
 & winter ties in  
 Arkansas  
 B.

Hdgms. Cotton Bureau  
Houston, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1863

Approved -  
There is one hundred  
thousand dollars in the  
hands of many Northern  
friends of the Cotton Bureau  
out of which this Bill  
can be paid

W. H. Broadwell  
Secy. & Comr.  
Chief of Bureau



Ad qurs Cotton Bureau  
 Capt A D Smith  
 Captain  
 Ghrospat 14th Nov 1863

You will proceed to Chic  
 City, Arkansas, and call on Col R Garrison, who lives  
 at the County Seat, and purchase from him ten thousand  
 yards of Sky Ropping and ten thousand iron ties, more or  
 less, for which you will ~~pay~~ agree to pay one dollar  
 per yard for the former, & fifty cents per pound for  
 the latter, there being the prices at which these articles  
 were offered to the Govt, through Capt A A Dodge,  
 A.D. M. - examine & say that they are good & merchantable  
 in their condition and order - let your purchase be  
 contingent upon your ability to move these articles -

If you can hire wagons, do so, giving them  
 parties the preference who are willing to sell their  
 wagons & teams to the Govt, the terms of sale to be  
 agreed upon here after their arrival - If parties  
 are unwilling to sell, hire upon the express  
 understanding that Govt will not obstruct or  
 delay their immediate return - For six mule  
 teams you will allow ten dollars per diem and  
 forage, ~~for~~ four mule teams, eight dollars & forage -  
 four yoke of teams and three yoke, you will allow  
 the same prices as for mules -

If you are unable to hire on the above  
 terms and conditions, you are authorized to impress  
 a sufficient number to transport all the bagging  
 & this you may purchase under this order - Say to  
 Coln Garrison the invoice value of the above articles  
 will be paid over to him at there Ad qurs upon  
 presentation, the money for that purpose being appropriated  
 and on hand

Approved by Com<sup>d</sup> of St Paul Smith  
 W R Bogg  
 Brig Genl & Chief of Staff  
 Respectfully  
 W C Black  
 Capt & A. G. M  
 In Chief of Cotton Bureau

23 Sept 1864  
Shrewsbury La  
W. B. Raker

Capt

Letter addressed to  
Capt. W. W. Smith  
Capt. N. A. B. B. B.

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Cotton Bureau.

Sept 23<sup>d</sup> Sept 1864.

Captain:

Any person within your district selling one half of his cotton willingly for account of the U. S. Govt. and at schedule prices; you are authorized to furnish a permit to such person to export over land to Mexico, a like number of bales of equal weight and quality. Every such permit so given, will be immediately forwarded to Dept H<sup>d</sup> Qrs. through this office for approval & record.

In making payment for your purchases of cotton, you are authorized to use any "old issue" places in your hands for that purpose at the rate of three for two, thus making it <sup>equivalent</sup> to the new issue.

You are also authorized to notify any & all officers or agents from other districts, who may be found at any time during your agency, purchasing or removing cotton from your district, that such action on their part is contrary to the wishes of the Comdg. General & will not be permitted. It is expected that all purchasing agents will confine their operations to their respective districts, as well with regard to transportation, as to the purchase of cotton.

If this notice is disregarded, you are authorized to take possession of any & all such cotton & transportation found in your district.

Signed

M. C. Black

To Capt. W. W. Bancroft

Capt. A. J. Gill

Capt. A. A. Bingle

for Chief of Bureau



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C. B.  
E. B. No. 402

Copy

Cotton Bureau

Shreveport, La 19th Sept 1864

Respectfully returned. The papers are lacking in form and information to warrant a thorough examination. Statement No 3. reflects unfavorably upon those in whose charge was placed the care of the Govt property and merits more than a passing comment. The loss in rebaling is excessive & should be looked into by Maj Hart. There is no mention made of the damaged cotton taken from the bales. If proper care had been bestowed upon it, it would be worth to the Govt. half, (if not more), as much as the sound article. Maj Hart should account for this cotton as property in hand. and not as losses to the Govt.

(Signed)

W. C. Black  
Capt &c

29<sup>th</sup> July 1864  
Capt W. B. Black

2300

Enclosure cor-  
respondence  
relative to Cotton  
matters in Ark

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file



Captain

Chicot Co Arkansas, July 12. 1864

Up to this date, not much of lost or stolen Cotton has been recovered. Several of the parties engaged in carrying it off have agreed to explain what they took & we hope to recover a good portion of it. Mr W.D. has bought between 4 & 500 Bales which he is collecting at this point, about 20 miles from the Mississippi River. A great deal of the Cotton is in very bad order. He is having it repacked at a cost for the labor, of 10¢ per Bale specie. He has paid for what he has already bought 10¢ in specie for some & 30¢ per lb. in notes of Southern Banks for one lot of 300 Bales. He is paying \$5. per day in specie for 4 mule wagons. I think he will be able, since the order for improvement of one half per cent, to purchase a large quantity. When is the improvement to begin in this District? The sooner the better. There is considerable Cotton in private hands. Mr W.D. expected to buy a boat & some wagons &c in Memphis. Last before going to Memphis he received from Mr Nugent a letter enclosing copy of a letter from Col Broadwell, giving me certain instructions in regard to adjusting the debts due on Cotton turned over to him, for damage &c. Mr N. said that the original of said letter would be forwarded to me by the first Courier. The Courier has come but the letter never has.

A day or two previous to return from my tour of inspection in Union Co., a Capt. Mc Neal, agent for Major Menard & Courier &c so accredited by Major Buckner, called to see me to obtain information in regard to certain Cotton that I had visited. He showed me a list of Cotton that had been sold to those gentlemen. Also an order from Major Buckner to the parties in charge of said Cotton, to deliver the Cotton to the said Mc Neal. The list embraced the Cotton in Union & one lot of 400 Bales in Bradley. The rest of the Cotton (111 B.) in Bradley is near the Saline River. I suggest that it be turned over to W.D. I am very sure



he will take it on the terms. The most distant lot is only about ten miles from the Western boundary line of Ashly Co. Mr. Neal told me that at present, he wanted only such cotton as was in good condition, and to get transportation as he expected a boat up for it. Now it strikes me as important that some agent of the Peace an ought to superintend the delivery of this cotton, as, in many cases, the vendors of the cotton have gone to Texas & left no agents & the cotton is in nobody's care & is suffering from exposure & heavily from stealing. In some cases I placed the cotton in care of neighbouring persons, & where it was very much exposed, I employed a person to put it in order & shelter it. These parties I agree to pay in money or cotton as you should determine. 75 to 80 Bales is about the quantity in this condition. They prefer cotton: please instruct me in regard to it. Also, whether you wish me to have other cottons in bad order put in good order, as it will not occupy my whole time to attend to Mr. D's business. If so I should like to have some Sacking & Rope sent to Hillaborough, or I can have it put up in boards & splits. As I mentioned in another letter, I believe a good deal of the cotton reported "burned" was not burned, but secreted, and if I was authorized to administer oaths and take testimony as I go along, I believe some of the burned cotton would be found all right. I have several affidavits, but in many places, no justices of the Peace are convenient. There has been a great deal of rascality in this burning business.

Where the vendors are at home & the cotton in bad condition from evident neglect, I have notified them to put it in order. Some refuse to do it. What is to be done in such cases? I am glad to find the people generally disposed to do what is right. I enclose the affidavits. This cotton was in several instances, 10 or 15 miles from the Quebec & the only orders exhibited directed the burning of those cottons only, which were within 3 miles of the River. In some cases, lots of cotton have been burned & others much more exposed have been passed over. The gratification of private revenge, has in several instances, evidently been the motive for destroying cotton.

So far, and most of the Dist. has been canvassed,  
very lot of Cotton except one, in the Counties of New  
Chicot, Ashley & DeSha, has suffered from day law King.  
I try much doubt whether the goods sold to Major Campbell  
can be made up in this Dist. Major Robinson is endeavoring  
to collect all that can be found, but the work goes on  
very slowly, and it is impossible to tell at present how  
much will be recovered or where. There are from what  
I can ascertain between 3 & 4000 Bales, Cotton still  
in private hands, in these four Counties—principally  
belonging to speculators—

Will the Cotton bought by Major Campbell be liable  
to impressment? I presume not, of course, as the  
Govt is interested, but I would like to have official  
notification from you in regard to it.

Very respectfully  
Yours &c  
Signed John E. Parham  
Spec. agent &c

Capt W. T. Black  
Acting Chief Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport



Colonel

Shreveport July 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

May I ask you to act promptly on Capt. Black's letter accompanying this, referring to Mr. Campbell & Co. These gentlemen are now prepared to act & delays will be expensive to them & injurious to the Government in delaying the reception of funds. The points as I understand them are these, viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> If temporarily short of sterling, can they go on removing cotton - they to be responsible if it fall into the hands of the enemy: the cotton not to be placed nearer than 25 miles from Mississippi River. The object being to keep the trains employed.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> In your letter of 6<sup>th</sup> July from Houston, you apply a certain gradation of prices, proportioned to the distance from the River - but made applicable to cottons East of Decachita. When Major Buckner says he has none. Ought not the same scale to be applied to cottons in South Arkansas?

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Can Mr. Parkman deliver the cottons in South Arkansas, on the terms stated in your letter of 6<sup>th</sup> July above referred to?

- 4<sup>th</sup> Will impressment be resorted to? If so, a proper person should be sent there.

It is proper I should remark that Capt. Black has authorized Mr. Parkman to allow C & Co transportation on all cottons when 35 miles from Mississippi River - to that distance, but it would be far more simple & avoid any controversies, to fix a sliding scale for cottons as proposed by me & acceded to by you - but you made it apply to cottons East of Decachita. Major Buckner is delivering cottons on the River at less prices than C & Co are paying in the interior & I need not point out to you the annoyances - trouble & expense attending transportation in the country when C & Co are operating, so that even if some slight advantage should accrue to them

They would even then be hardly put upon the same footing as those referred to. On half the gradation or transportation whichever plan may be adopted to be allowed on Cottons purchased from private parties - on which \$50. per Bale is to be paid to the Government.

Trusting Truly  
Richard Meigs

P.S. I am anxious to fix up all the business of 1862 so as to be fast loose & expect this is the last time I shall address you on that subject.



Unofficial

Cotton Bureau

Colonel

August 29th Aug 1864

I send you Copy of my letter  
to Mr Perkins in relation to transportation  
charges to be allowed in Cotton Rec. from  
the point by Mr McDonald, at any distance  
in excess of 30 miles from the River - Mr  
Perkins thinks my plan complex and requiring  
time & labor to keep a record of expenses  
attending handling - I differ with him  
I defer the matter to your Superior Judgment

The scale you propose, viz of 6th  
allowing 10¢ per bale for any distance over 30  
miles & 20¢ for any distance over 60 miles  
and which Mr Perkins proposes to my plan  
had reference to Cottons East of the Mountains,  
and as there was no chance of procuring any  
in that section - I concluded that you had  
not intend to apply it to the Arkansas  
so I should have sent Mr Perkins your  
letter and order -

I supposed that Mr McDonald only  
wanted to cover his cost of transportation,  
and as it is discretionary with him as  
to place where he will receive his Cotton



Cotton Bureau

Shreveport 14th July 1864

Mr. Parkman Esq  
Genl Agent  
Sir

In a recent letter from Mr McDonald, to Mr Nugent, he mentioned that much of the Cotton he expected to acquire is too remote from the Mississippi to justify his paying \$1000 per bale. He is willing to take his purchases at points not more remote than 30 miles from the river, at the price agreed upon. But all Cotton at points in excess of 30 miles, the cost of transportation to within the agreed distance I think ought to be paid by the Government.

Your sales and deliveries will be at present locations, or localities at time of sale. The transportation charges, if the work is done by the Genl Mr McDonald, will be deducted in his settlement with the Govt. this will be allowing gold as compensation for such service & should be done at low rates. If performed by the Govt, you will allow schedule rates and estimate on this office to cover same.

Yours &c  
W. B. Black

Respectfully Yours &c  
W. B. Black  
Agent

Unofficial Cotton Bureau

Colonel

Shreveport 27th July 1864

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He has a decided advantage over  
the Govt as being allowed \$10 a bale  
for transportation expenses for any distance  
over 30 miles - Should Cotton be found  
in sufficient quantities to meet his  
requirements at one or two miles in  
excess of the 30 - he is allowed 10¢ for  
hauling at that short distance - his home  
the Cotton may be all <sup>be</sup> of 30 miles in  
excess - but even admitting this, \$10 a  
bale in Gold is a large compensation  
for the work - but when you consider  
the distance ~~that~~ <sup>he</sup> comes within  
almost the range of the point at which  
he goes to receive his Cotton, you  
readily discern the advantage he has  
over the Govt - these few lines are  
hurriedly gotten up for such action  
as you may deem proper to take

I declined to act in case  
of removal of Govt Cotton from  
or towards the Mississippi, until  
heard from - by the M.D. My own opinion is that  
it should not be allowed - as in case of his failure  
to pay for it, our Cottons may be lost in consequence  
of the same it

Yours truly  
Black



Cotton Bureau

Wm A Broadwell

Shreveport 27th July 1864

Colonel

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I had this letter yesterday, to which I beg to refer. Since then I have letter from Mr Parkman, a copy of which I enclose for your information and such action as you may wish to take. Should you conclude to write Mr P. send your letter through this office, and I will forward ~~it~~ by courier - When Mrs Daskin was here - He gave it as his opinion that the Oracheta would soon not be navigable - He also expressed a doubt of Gen Cummins ability to procure boats for the removal of cotton, before the fall of the river - Under these circumstances would it not be advisable to let Mr Campbell have the Arkansas cotton - as to the Genl handing them to the river, I fear it cannot be done - You are aware of the great scarcity of transportation in that State - If the Oracheta should fall, and Cummins fails to get out his cotton - the object <sup>had</sup> in view, in making the transfer, becomes at once defeated, and we are no better provided with means to supply the Dept, than before ~~it was made~~ <sup>it was made</sup> - Such points of Mr Parkman's letter, which I can write properly answer, will do so, by this courier, such as - Cotton acquired by Campbell How from the Genl, as private parties, on which they have paid their bonds, will not be liable to improvement - That he is to take the best course he can to increase the supplies of cotton by sellers of the same - where it has been neglected by them - exercising his judgment & discretion in the matter - as we have no ability to force said parties, having paid them for the property - That for all Genl expenses, money in lieu of cotton should be paid - as the Genl has plenty of the

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

former & but little of the latter, that in cases where  
repairs become necessary to ~~the~~ the Gunt property,  
not to hesitate, but have the work promptly done,  
using both splats & bands - in the absence of rope  
& logging - that if we had rope, it would be of  
doubtful propriety to use it for such purposes, unless  
the cotton was being got ready for transportation & delivery -  
as the rope used to day would be cut off tomorrow,  
a Mr McNeel appears as Consulting Agent, he wishes to  
select ~~the~~ lots in good order; to allow this will  
very much mix up Cotton transactions, for it is more  
than likely when a few bales are left of a lot because  
of their bad condition, the balance being removed - that  
they will become a total loss to the Gunt - not being  
in sufficient quantity to claim the Gunt attention -

Your despatches at hand - I have written to the  
Major, & will write to St Louis, by to day's carrier -

I hope you will visit Shreveport -  
you will note ~~his~~ remarks respecting improvements  
as to the time & manner of its execution in your letter to  
Mr Parkman - I enclose letter to your address, which has no  
mark of an official character -

Respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servt  
W. T. Black  
Capt & A. J. W.  
acting in Cotton Bureau



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To Col W A Broadwell

Colonel

Cotton Office

Shreveport 25 July 1864

I was informed this morning by the General that you were ordered to Alexandria, I therefore address you at that place, should you have to return to Houston, I hope you will take Shreveport in your route, Your letter in reference to the Viceroy Captured by our forces off coast of La, is at hand - All the information I have been able to learn is that there is no Court here having jurisdiction in the case - that it is one purely of Admiralty, and as we have no such Courts, such cases come up before the C. S. Courts; this information prompted a letter to Judge Moore & C. S. Atty Miller at Natchez, asking of them such information as would enable action to be taken without delay - While at Alexandria, had you not better supplement my letter with one from yourself to Mr. Miller - I enclose letter #3471 re C. S. Atty Had you this morning - any instructions you may have to give me from the Deputy of this Office, together with such facts as may be on file ~~Capt's~~ Capt's Reports & Berge have made their reports, and from the small quantity of Cotton purchased during the last six months, if we are to take it as their earnings for the future, the Cotton Bureau, as a purchasing Agent, will have but little cause to be proud of its success in adding to the material resources of the Government - Capt Banet reports to have purchased & paid for, 289 bales, to have purchased & not paid for, 86 bales - aggregating his purchases 375 bales - He states that the baled & unbaled Cotton in his District will amount to 50,000 bales -

Capt Berge reports to have purchased & paid for 219 bales, to have purchased & not paid for, 158 bales - aggregating his purchases 377 bales -



Capt Benge makes no mention of the quantity of Cotton in his District - The ~~small~~ success attending the efforts of two such efficient Officers is discouragingly small, and rather a source of mortification to the Cotton Bureau -

Bonds paid purchases amounts to \$5,746.00

Unpaid	"	"	"	10,479.75	46,225.75
Benge paid	"	"	"	25,230.25	
Unpaid	"	"	"	18,910.75	44,140.00

For the unpaid funds, the Bureau is in debt to the amount of \$29,390.50 - for which they have promised the New Army - As most of the amount derived from sales to them, was in Govt Securities, interest bearing notes, 7 & 8% bonds & Certificates for bonds. And "interest notes" have been and are regarded by many here and in Texas equal to the New Currency - I was in hopes that the funds of this office would buy Cotton & pay for it without incurring a debt -

Capt Benge was furnished with interest notes & Bonds - & Capt Benge with bonds - Hoping there are would satisfy sales of Cotton in place of either new or old currency -

I have had nothing from Major Robinson since he last advised to go, for he has not been heard from - Major Robinson was here on Friday, arrived & departed for Monrovia, same day - He has failed in obtaining the supplies, he expected, he ordered 200 coils of rope and 50 bags Indian bagging only out of all his promised supplies, the old scheme, the Parker Authority would not let them come - The boat which was to bring the supplies carried out some 800 bags Govt Cotton, in advance, depositing with the Major as collateral \$140. thousand dollars in Certificates of deposit, which on her return, she took up, in substituting Bank of Commerce & Shipping, on Saving Bonds, endorsed by Jacob Butler and Mansfield. - When I turn out, but the report says it

rich and a particular friend of Banks - This sterling was taken at the rate of 267 - amounting to about \$12,000 for the Cotton, which the Major said he had & would send to me - The object of his visit here, being to learn the value of the Exchange - I told him I believed it was good & would be paid - that both Mrs & Jacob Barker were rich men - but that as we had to use our sterling as private names were unknown it was decidedly to our advantage to have Bank Exchange.

He said the parties with <sup>whom</sup> he was trading endeavored to provide Bank Exchange, but it could not be had in large amounts. His next object in visiting I was to know if he could let the boat in question carry out a similar amt of Cotton, that he was offered 21£ per bale for freight to load, and had the same character of Exchange to pay with - As you were in Hunter & the General in Alexandria, and as the market was falling, I was forced to come to a decision, which was affirmative, but that subsequent transacting must be governed by such instructions as you felt disposed to give - Which I hope you will do, in your reply to this - I presume I can send somewhat of this Exchange, some 20 to 25,000 pounds sterling -

Cornier has not been able to get any Cotton, because he had no stock & the Major says he will not be able to get a boat.

Mr Menard has written to Mr August to obtain for him the consent of the General to purchase from the people, enough Cotton to make good his losses by fire, theft &c, & to allow him to export the same - Should such a proposition come before this office, unless you instruct to the contrary, I shall disapprove it, Hope soon to hear from you -

Yours truly,  
W. C. Black  
Capt. 10th Regt.



July 26th - Late last evening I saw Mr Hamilton  
 Wright, he says he will not be able to attend  
 Cotton on the Onychia, and that he will be forced  
 in consequence to take it at Alexandria - I expressed  
 a desire for him to write to you - and to have it  
 understood before all the Abt<sup>s</sup> Cotton were disposed of -  
 Mr D Miller, who is acting in Mr Dulles's absence,  
 asks for information, which, owing to your expected  
 arrival at Abt<sup>s</sup>, I have declined to give, preferring  
 him to receive it from you. And have so written  
 to him ~~that~~ also that all the points deemed worthy  
 to place his office in a meeting feeling you would  
 give him - It is out of the question to send transport  
 from this place - all the Cotton Wagons are "en route"  
 for San Antonio, and to expect aid for this line  
 from the I M Dept - you know from last spring  
 experience, when our transportation had to be diverted from  
 its legitimate business to put duty - is building upon  
 a sandy foundation - Genl Smith has ordered the  
 transportation to be furnished from below. Which I hope  
 will be done -

Respectfully  
 W B Black  
 Capt & G M



Shenandoah, May 1864

Capt W. C. Black

to

Major A. W. McKee

Referring to the Lillus name  
being omitted for 680 bales  
in return of purchase

Thompson 7<sup>th</sup> May 1864

Major.

In your returns of purchases by your Sub Agent M.M. Thores, you omit the sellers name of 680 Bales - you will oblige by a review of your purchase account and correcting the omission in a new list.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully

Yours obedient

(Signed)

W.E. Black,

Capt. & Adj. Gen.

for Chief of C.B.

Major A.C. McKee. }  
Houston }  
Tex }

A true copy

D. McKee, by order

Shrewsbury 19<sup>th</sup> Apr 1864

Capt W. C. Black,

to

Major A. W. Walker

Requesting list of cotton  
bills to Agents Rhoads  
and Mallory.



Shreveport 19<sup>th</sup> April 1864

Major A. W. McKee

Major. I have the honor to convey to you an official communication this day recd by courier at this office which I wish safe at hand.

I am directed by Lt Col W. A. Broadwell to ask of you a list of Cotton Sellers to the Govt through your Agents Messrs Rhorer & Miller as it is his intention to send an Agent Mr T. D. Miller to the Parishes of lower Louisiana to look after the interests of the Govt, and without a list of sellers, he will be very much embarrassed in his work. Your immediate attention is requested.

We have good news from Arkansas today - The enemy have fallen back to Camden - on yesterday about 250 of their wagons were captured, 50 of which were destroyed by our forces and 200 saved. We also took five pieces of Artillery & some 3 or 400 prisoners, large number of small arms &c

Respectfully

Yours obtl Servt

(2<sup>nd</sup>) W. C. Black

Capt & A. D. M.

for Chief of Cotton Bureau

Attn Copy

D. H. K. H. H. 1/2 2nd

Marshall 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1865.  
 Capt W. E. Black,  
 1150.

"Telegram" - Boat refueling  
 at Pulaski very much

Shreveport 8<sup>th</sup> March 1865  
 Reply refers to  
 Messrs Cunningham  
 for the transportation  
 of your affairs.  
 who called at his  
 instance to know  
 the prospect of  
 getting a Boat  
 at Pulaski for  
 Houston.  
 W. A. Broadwell  
 Secy

EB  
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an an independent - Capt Black superiority by my brother  
was expressed upon myself when Coler there entirely of what I have  
written I perceive that he does not value the facile  
ties of friend on the line of the salaries, and that  
the plans of my brother I myself (what plans Coler ?  
this is the first intimation that any current of action has  
determined upon) have not commanded themselves to  
Capt R. B. I am from not convinced to impart  
for the purpose of the Public Editor - Made by you,  
referring to my coming to Manchester - I never know  
that any arrangement was proposed, except such



Treas Agency  
Foreign Supply Office

Marshall 16th Jan 1865

Colonel

While acting as Chief of the Cotton Service, you wrote to me from Texas that you desired a Contract to be made for the demand of the Polarkie Cotton, and expressed a preference for Colm Polk, I immediately opened a Correspondence with the Colm, which resulted in a personal interview, at which I urged him to make the Contract, and proposed liberal terms; he took the subject under advisement, and in a few days returned an answer declining, as he could not arrange for the building of the Boats - About this time, Capt Mame was on a Visit to Shreveport; I proposed to him to examine the Cotton, & fearful of my own ability to induce him to undertake the job, asked Capt Sturman to urge it on him, but in this we both failed -

Since my residence at Marshall, you stated in a verbal Conversation that your Brother ~~was~~ remove the Cotton by way of the River - I thought differently, being satisfied that boats could not be built, in time for my wants, and so expressed myself -

While at San Antonio, your Brother wrote me word not to send there Cottons forward until I heard from him; as he arrived at Shreveport, as he had some friends who would do the work, but who they were, he never said - I believe Colm the above are nearly all the facts bearing on you or your Brother's recommendations to move there Cottons, at any rate, all I can now call to remembrance -

If you think they warrant the language  
and in your letter to Mr Payne, sent to me for my  
information, I must be allowed respectfully to dissent,  
I quote for your information the passage to which  
exceptions are taken. "before I knew that these  
Cottons would be Controlled by the Army Dept, steps  
were taken by me to transport them by Rail boats as  
originally contemplated, and the Consumption of such  
was agreed upon Capt Black & myself by my Brother  
& myself" (Where Coln & I have, outside of what I have  
written) "I presume that he does not value the facili-  
ties of transit on the line of the Salina, and that  
the plans of my brother & myself (What plans Coln?  
this is the first intimation that any Concert of action was  
determined upon) have not Committed themselves to  
Capt B." I dare from not consenting to arrangements  
for the removal of the Pulaski Cottons - Made by you,  
previous to my coming to Marshall - I never knew  
that any arrangement was proposed, except such  
as I myself attempted to make - I make this  
Way of Correction, so that I may not appear as having  
deranged any plans for the removal of the Cotton in  
question. As Mr Payne sent me your letter, I deem  
this alone ~~an~~ in Way of explanation, on your  
part of me.

Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt

W B Black

Capt 1 Chaf

W A B. Broadwell

Chief of Cotton Bureau

Shreveport



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Black



Sir

Treasury Agency

Monticello Dec 5/64

You will find in the safe drawer -  
a package with the name of Shepherd Brown on  
it. It contains money belonging to him, with a statement  
of the amount and also some papers. Please  
hand it to Sted W. B. Broadwell.

You will say to the Clerk that I occupied  
to Capt. Baige & Bond for six thousand dollars  
each, to be accounted for by him - Ten thousand  
dollars of this money were given to Meyer Brinkman  
for transportation purposes, out of the Oneachuta,  
for which he will account with proper vouchers -  
which Bond & Baige will take up - One hundred  
& fifty dollars to Edward Payson, for which he may  
be return through Capt. Bond. Some five or six  
hundred dollars to you, and the balance you  
will find in the drawer of the safe, including  
Payson & your own receipts, are with it, the whole  
in an envelope -

Gen J. W. Hardie

Alton Bureau

Respectfully

Yours Obediently

W. B. Black

From Stamm Intas am for Wages 386.67

Left paid Boys

25.00

361.67

From Meyer Intas Hair of 4 men

for 12th July 1864 to 1st April, 1 mo + 19 days @ 20¢ 130.68

Hair of 2 men for 25th July to 1st April

1 mo + 6 days @ 20¢

216.00 346.68

From Capt Smith Hair of 13 men

for 20th April to 1st July, 72 days @ 30¢

935.00

\$1642.35

Hire of 4 men from 12th July 64 - to 1st April 3  
1 mo + 19 days - 20/20 3 / 130.68

Hire of 9 men from 25th July to 1st April 3  
1 mo + 6 days 3 216.00

Jan 25/64 Paid by Mary Jones

3 346.68



Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 84

H. B. O.

W. B. Black,

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Enclosing permit for  
Moon, & Smoker,

Let, enter the above permit & get Genl Byggs  
to approve it, send it forward to Capt Smucker,  
thru Capt Wally, and ask him <sup>very</sup> to send ~~either~~  
an invoice of the Cotton given to M. J. S. as  
to how much he better write them —

Black

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the first of the  
year 1801  
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year 1801



Manhelt 18th May 65  
In Reply I find I must  
be busy in my office, which  
will help you in making  
up your accounts - you  
will find them enclosed

Respectfully  
W. B. Black



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Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport 19th Aug 1864

Colonel

I had this letter yesterday in a few lines, to which I refer - Major Duckner has been here for some days, but owing to the indisposition of the General, ~~was not~~ able to have an interview with him, altho anxious for it, I have addressed a letter to Genl Peyp, calling attention to the striking exchange in my hands & to the importance of its going forward for acceptance, and was to which you could apply it - The General is too unwell to attend to business and I fear some days delay will occur before I shall order in reference to the striking, Your letter to him sent through Major Thomas, was copied & sent to Hd Qrs, It is gratifying to know your efforts are being rewarded with success -

Major Duckner has disposed of 1774 bales Cotton - has handed to me the exchange I sent you some time since, the striking now on hand, and introduced 200 Cils Rape & 50 Bales Indian Hugging - He has made no formal settlement, his work still being incomplete and his expenses not all paid, He has returned to Monroe, where he expects to see some 600 more bales and then will return prepared to make up his accounts - Conner's teams are here - I expect to send them to Monroe to bring to this place our Hugging & Rape - Conner himself is sick at Oran, He has ordered his teams here with the view of collecting, I think, the Hatchetches Cotton, But there Cotton cannot be gotten out this season, and when he does succeed, I am afraid the Yankees will take possession of them, for it seems almost



impossible to make any arrangement with our  
 cotton merchant the Banks knowing it - In such  
 contingency what security, do you regard, as sufficient  
 to indemnify, the Govt against loss, as being in our  
 hands - Nothing from McDonald - He is in the line  
 of the enemy, & has not been heard from, he has been  
 absent since the 15th June - Major Palmer has not  
 succeeded yet in gathering up the bales - but from  
 in his recent letters writes encouragingly - I expect  
 it would be as well to limit McD's purchases to  
 such lots as he may be able to pay for, and then  
 from the people on which the bonus is to be paid,  
 If such is your mind I will pursue that course,  
 there is a good deal of feeling amongst the Arkansians  
 about cotton being allowed to go out for a sale of strangers,  
 when the people are restrained, I have had an  
 interview with a delegation from Ark, representing  
 the Citizens of Drew, Chicot & Arkley Counties - They ask  
 for permission to export 500 to 1000 bales to procure  
absolute necessities, and if permission is granted  
 they will donate to the Govt a number of bales  
 equal to that which they may be allowed to take  
~~out~~ - I have sent up this proposition to the Genl.  
 but his sickness has prevented action, there appears  
 to be a murmur on the subject of cotton, and my  
 Councils plan is being adopted to carry it out  
 of our lines - So much is this the case that I  
 fear we will soon be out of the staple -

Nothing from Alexandria to indicate the results  
 of the trial now going on - In a recent letter to Mr  
 Miller I used the language "In the absence of direct  
instructions from the Chief of Bureau, all requesting on  
 you for Govt Cotton refer to them & ask for information  
 & such action as may be necessary - Respectfully  
 Wm B Black  
 Col Wm Broadwell Henson

1435  
Shrewsbury 10th Dec 1863

W. C. Black

21 Grafton St. Broadwille  
London

acknowledging receipt of amount  
forwarded

Adams Cotton Bureau

Stratford 10th Dec 1863

Dear General

Your recent favor at hand,  
the letter for the Major I have sent  
forward to Alexandria, according to  
his instructions, to Carle Major Saunders  
Chief S. M. I am truly gratified  
at the prospect of seeing you so soon,  
and if it will cause you to adhere  
strictly to the terms mentioned, I will  
say this will be the last note I  
shall address you - On Saturday I  
hope to visit home, being disappointed  
last week, and my return will be  
too near the date of your departure



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to warrant a letter unless it be  
of a very urgent character - So  
you may make up your mind to  
come home - I have nothing special  
to say. Our moving purchases are  
all you could wish - Harriet writes  
me under late date that when all  
the things are in we shall have about  
325 - He agrees with me, that for  
the work now engaged in, they are  
enough, but we may extend our  
work, this you can decide upon  
in the future - Some parts of the  
plan adapted for Texas. I little  
indeed upon the whole, it is an  
improvement on the Cuire heretofore  
pursued, but, there are some

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of its parts I fear will endanger  
the whole, it is not my purpose  
to Criticise or make any Comments,  
No doubt the gentlemen Composing the  
board, and the Chief, are of large  
experience and perfectly familiar  
with not only all the details of the  
great work which they have undertaken,  
but are familiar acquainted with  
the people of Texas, with whom they  
will have to work - and any  
advice or Comment would be out of  
place - I wish they had taken  
the entire Bull by the Horn -  
Nothing short of it will manage  
such a monster - Now you see though  
Come home - Your friend

Black

Shrewsbury 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1863

1/56  
Capt W. C. Black

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Lt Col W. A. Broadwell  
Houston

Invitation to the Office proposed  
by Mr J. S. Menard - disapproving the  
same

Yours from  
W. C. Black

When I received your letter  
to send the money to  
the Treasury - but I  
think you are wrong  
in your opinion, and  
I am sure it will  
be taken when the  
law is made - you  
will be sorry, I  
think, for your  
mistake.



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Adams Cotton Bureau  
Glasgow 4th Dec 1868

Colonel

Mr Menard will send you  
this, he visits Hunter solely to see  
you on the subject of his offer to buy  
some of our Orachita Cottons - He has  
had much trouble in the way of expending  
both time and money in this business &  
as the Lt Genl refers the matter to you,  
you will have to act so that Mr  
M may have something upon which  
to base his expectations, In submitting  
the decision of this question to me, I  
appreciate the Compliment, and directing  
it of all its political aspects and  
deciding merely upon its Commercial  
Advantages, ~~I~~ Should have saved

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I'm in the trouble of visiting  
Houston - In my letter of yesterday,  
which will reach you sooner than  
this, I laid before you my views  
on the subject of these Cottons, and  
have so expressed myself to Mr M -  
I have no new views to present &  
have no desire to influence you  
in any decision you may arrive at,  
believing that you are fully alive  
to the great interests of the South  
both present and prospective, and are  
fully capable of determining the question  
before you - This much I did venture  
to say to Mr M - If the South comes  
to dispose of its Cottons, I would be  
willing to advocate his claims to the

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De Bow. Let, as he was about the  
first to approach the Govt on the  
Subject of its sale - he of course saying  
as much as any one else -

I think it due Mr M, that he  
should have a decided answer -  
And yet as the Case stands do  
not clearly see how you can give  
it, for I judge you are like  
myself, alive to the importance of  
trading with such gentlemen as  
is represented in Mr M, but at  
the same time cannot determine  
whether a trade, for political reasons,  
can be made at all - But as you  
are a gentleman of fruitful resources,  
and unbounded eloquence, I doubt  
not, your success for a moment -





Cotton Bureau 157  
Shreveport June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Capt W. C. Black -

Stating former permit  
issued by Gen. Bagg to  
Gov. Allen for State Cotton  
Cotton Bureau of  
Houston 28 June 1864  
Respy returns with the  
information that the  
export duty should be  
paid to the collector  
of customs - who takes  
up the certificate issued  
by my office -  
The subject of the  
exportation of cotton  
is now governed by law  
& the regulations under  
it announced in such  
orders as 35. I see  
no necessity for action  
on the part of the  
regulating, after them  
Recd that  
to enforce the rules  
laid down as published  
W. A. Brundage  
Asst Sec

Major McKee arrived this morning,  
he is in close confinement, will leave  
to night, under guard for Alexandria,  
where, I understand, he will be tried  
B



Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Colonel

Shreveport 22 Jan 1864

I have this honor to day, to which I  
by the way I omitted in it to state that I  
had an interview with Genl Dwyer yesterday - Genl  
Allen had made a request to export State  
Cotton, part of which this Bureau turned over  
to him, and Genl D. sent to me to know the  
form used by this office - as ~~no~~ special form  
of permit has ever been adopted, I suggested  
the following endorsement on the Permit Application.  
Which I transcribe, hoping if it is not in accordance  
with the rules which have or may be agreed upon  
under order No 35. the Correction will be made  
in due time -

Attest J. M. Dwyer

Shreveport 21st Jan 1864

"Know All Men H. Miller C. & P. Sec. will pass the  
Cotton described within as State property, upon  
proper evidence of State ownership, and on  
payment of export duty as required by Law.

The Wagon & team needed for the transportation  
of this Cotton will not be impounded or molested -  
Allen for exporting permit  
for 250 bales  
for 40 bales - two permits issued  
as above

By order of Genl Dwyer  
Signed W. R. Dwyer  
By Genl. D.

Marshall Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 1865  
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Capt W. C. Black  
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Requesting information in regard  
to my Russell certificate of  
indebtedness.

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Treasury Agency  
Foreign Supply Office  
Marshall, 26th July 1865

Colonel

I had this honor last night  
in reply to your recent letter, which I  
hope was satisfactory

In a letter from Mr  
Purkins he says he apprehends trouble  
from the Creditors of the Govt, and mentions  
those who hold Magn Russell's Certificates  
of indebtedness, How is this? Did I not  
understand that one cause of your embarrassments  
in making purchases were these claims and  
had to be assumed by you, before you felt  
safe to operate - Are these claims still out?

I wrote to Mr P. that I thought there was  
an error in his information as I had  
understood from you that you either had  
settled them or arranged for it - At your command  
please let me know -

Yours Truly  
Wm B. Black

Respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servt  
W B Black  
Capt & Chap



1459  
Pro-forma Invoice

Memorandum  
Showing the Cost of trans-  
portation of 1000 bales  
of Cotton from Shreveport  
to Beaumont Texas.

Black

Invoice of 100 Bales Cotton Shipped by the  
Confederate Govt, from Shreveport, on Red River,  
to Brownsville, Texas, on the Red Rover  
Cost to the Govt

100 Bales Cotton average 500 <sup>lb</sup> @ 20 -	50.000	20¢	10.000.00
Hauling from Shreveport to Sabine	20¢/bale		2.000.00
Transportation from Sabine to Houston			3.000.00
" " Houston to Allentown			500.00
			<u>\$15.500.00</u>

By Sales 100 Bales Cotton 50.000  
Exp one half given for  
Land transportation from Allentown  
to Brownsville } 25.000  
25.000

25.000 sold at 31¢ specie {  
present price at Brownsville } \$ 7.750.00  
Constituting an average of 27<sup>5</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars per Bale  
in Specie, or 50¢ in the dollar in Specie for Confederate  
Money -

Genl, to aid you in your investigations of the Cotton  
question, I have suppressed a shipment to Brownsville  
from Shreveport, by the Govt - and selling it at the  
prices now ruling in that market - after deducting  
Heavy Charges for transportation - show to you that it  
realizes a net value of 27<sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per bale in Specie,  
or an average of 50¢ in the dollar <sup>in Specie</sup> on its cost in  
Confederate Money - the expenses in selling I omit. Suppressing  
its sale to be done by Govt Agents - I am General

Brig Genl W M Bagg  
Chief of Staff  
Ad Asst  
D. J. M

Genl O W Galt  
W C Black  
Capt & A. L. M  
Acting in Cotton Bus

Marshall 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 4  
1860

Capt M. C. Black  
sub.

In regard to the Treasury  
Notes of the old issue  
to be deposited in the  
Treasury.

intended to  
file



Marshall 15th Dec 1864

Colonel

In a Convention last night  
with Judge Gray, he stated that any  
funds, in the Old Currency, to your Credit  
on the Books of the Department, at Shreveport,  
should not be allowed in settlement, that  
such Currency should be drawn, and  
deposited in the Treasury - In this way,  
the receipt of the Department, becomes a  
Voucher which is allowed - The amount  
to your Credit, in the Old Currency is not  
large, but I would suggest the mode  
recommended by the Judge - Lt Herdrie,  
has in his hands 500 of the Old Currency,  
a portion of which he used - the balance ought  
to be deposited in the Treasury - before the 1st of  
next month -

Yours truly  
Lt Col Wm Broadwell -

W B Black

March 18 1891

Capt W E Black

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Druggist

House

File

Marshall 3rd March 1865

Dear Colonel

I had written to Mr Black that in all probability you would require your store, that you had been informed he was looking badly, which I much regretted, as he was a fine animal, and much thought of by you - I have regretted he should be properly cared for and to be held subject to your order - My impression was, and I so informed you - he was at this place, but I was mistaken, he never was - At present the communication with Mindem is so difficult, because of high water, that it would be difficult to send the horse over to you, but as soon as the water subsides and the roads improve, by letting Mr Black know when his services are required, she will send him to you - besides, by remaining at Mindem he would be more gratifying to Mr Black's condition can be improved, and his return made under more favorable circumstances than you had me to suppose he was in; of which I was before ignorant, owing to my continued absence from home, of late -

I regret to hear of the depleted state of your finances - I am not yet out of private means, half of which are at your disposal - to be paid back in kind, at your convenience -

Yours faithfully

Wm Black

Respectfully

Wm Black



Contract, ~~the~~ one of our 2 men, should be  
engaged early in the building, as it will  
require about forty boats to carry the amount of  
provisions, ~~with~~ <sup>most</sup> current in the river purchasing a  
return of ~~thats~~ <sup>thats</sup>, the ~~specimens~~ <sup>specimens</sup> of building should be  
at once begun. I have been very much, all day  
most of the time in my room going down - <sup>common</sup>  
(Stationary) I hope to be able to visit my family and

Na gus, Boston Bureau  
Glasgow 6th Nov 1863

Dear Colonel

I have written you quite often  
of late, and hope sufficiently commensurate as  
to interest you - We are getting on in our mining  
operations as well as we could expect - Here sent  
to the Yabine, some twelve hundred boxes, and expect,  
in the month close, to have some three or four  
thousand there - I hope you will show your  
usual promptness in deciding on the Contract I sent,  
as it is important to commence, as early as possible,  
not budding to be in readiness for the first ore  
in the river - I find it important to our prospects  
that to have either Barr or Burge at this point,  
and have written both on the subject for a decision  
as to which will come - Capt Barr said he thought  
he should make this his HQ and on his return  
to Henderson would endeavor to arrange his affairs  
with that in view - Since he left, I wrote him saying  
it upon him - I have no news to report - We  
might, as far as news is concerned, be in China, I have  
no doubt battles are fought and victories won, which  
are known all over Europe about as soon as the reports  
reach us - I suppose we have an economical Canada,  
which accounts for our want of carriers communicating  
out of the ship - If you think Govt can do the  
work of transportation to Hamilton cheaper than by



Contract, ~~was~~ one of our 2 Mrs, I should be  
engaged early in the building, as it will  
require about forty boats to carry the amount <sup>the</sup> <sup>will</sup>  
propose, <sup>the</sup> current in the river precluding a  
return of them, the operation of building should be  
at once begun - I have been very unwell, all day,  
most of the time in my room lying down - tomorrow  
(Saturday) I hope to be able to visit my family and  
nothing occurring to prevent, I shall be on hand  
in the office, Monday afternoon, when I anticipate  
the pleasure of reading more than one letter from  
you - I send you a letter from Mr Pearce wishing  
his friendship extended, I wrote him you were in  
Huntington & that I would send his letter forward for  
your action - In a recent letter from Major Miller  
he apologizes for not having answered two letters  
from me, giving excuse from his office, as he is  
sick, but that in a few days he would give  
all the information I sought - I have given  
several orders to parties to send in their letters  
and hope to expect prompt action on the part  
I addressed another note to Genl Rogers, yesterday,  
of rather an urgent character, and begging a  
response by and prompt action upon my first note  
of 29th ult. - No answer yet, but am not without hope of  
its having its weight - Yours friend Black



463,

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

As I am about to be off, I  
must have time to say that  
a Mr Walton is here, with  
some strong backers, endeavoring  
to obtain a Contract with the  
Govt, his Contract was submitted  
to me and a written answer  
elicited as to the opinion of this  
Board on it - I gave a lengthy  
report and condemned the Contract  
in strong terms - This Contract  
may find its way to you - if so  
I wish you would ask to have  
the Vins presented by me to be  
laid before <sup>you</sup> as I wish the Board  
to be fully represented in its  
Vins on all Cotton questions -

Yours friend  
Black

Admiral Cotton Bureau  
 Newport 21st Nov 1863.

Dear General

A few days since Mr Josh  
Menard called to see me, his business was  
 in relation to the Dillon Cotton, I consulted  
 an interview with Genl Smith which he  
 obtained and the Genl. Smith he would suspend  
 decision until he saw you which he expected  
 would be in a few days - From this I inferred  
 you had been ordered to report to the Admiral -  
 and as a consequence felt that my vacation  
 as a letter writer was at an end - I should  
 like to see <sup>you</sup> Westly - I hope Menard rightly  
 understood the General - I have nothing to  
 report of interest, we are making along in the  
 even time of our traps and hurrying up with  
 some degree of dispatch our Cotton. We must  
 have at once our "matters" at least 2000 bales -  
 the General - Smith planting our hauling in to  
 my bales and I have agreed to pay them for  
 except of hauling Commission rates - as it is  
 my intention to have no 2. M. accounts with  
 the Genl I shall have to pay for this hauling  
 out of my own means, taking proper vouchers for



same and want to have a Bridge for  
 Reimbursement. I do not think the Genl  
 has come to any decision on the subject  
 of removing our Artillery by the Gulch. I fear  
 the war will be too long. Much preparation  
 is necessary to make available the rising of  
 the River, which ought to be taken advantage  
 of, for I suspect the Scheme is a stream of  
 rather Capricious winds - up one day and  
 down the next - Captl. Munn & another called  
 on the Genl yesterday to know his conclusion,  
 it being necessary, if at all probable their Contract  
 met his approval, they should be at work to  
 furnish themselves with the means of carrying it  
 out - The Genl ~~replied~~ replied them he would  
 send the papers to me and commit the matter  
 of decision to my judgment - this places the  
 matter entirely in my hands - In the Contracting  
 did the same thing, and thus the transportation  
 look to me to protect their interests, this is an  
 position - I dislike to occupy - but shall  
 decide to the best of my ability when the  
 papers are before me - The Genl has not sent  
 up the Contract and as I am. Oph this  
 morning for home, to visit the wife you have

Heard me talk so much about (and I  
suppose, with most old bachelors, have  
regarded it as a Masterpiece of Character -  
had a conclusion. I would contest and debate  
the balance of my life) and shall not be  
back until Monday, (by then more days will  
be lost - as to the ~~purpose~~ <sup>purpose</sup> of the  
transfer of Cotton from Orang to Hampton, is a  
question not left for me to settle, I settle it.  
I am only called upon to decide the best and  
cheapest, simplest and speediest mode of transportation.  
With this in view, I have compared the facts  
of Price & Quality, Contract and Cost to the  
conclusion, I will accept and recommend the  
following terms - and should it be sent to you  
and not to me, I let you know in advance,  
so that you may have all my mind on the  
subject - "Affirmed upon Condition that the Contract  
claim shall be made to read thus - the said Contract  
No. 1. shall receive Thirty Dollars per bale for  
each one delivered at Hampton, to be paid as follows -  
to the amount of Railroad Transportation from Orang to  
Hampton, in Confederate Money or Notes, the balance in  
Cotton at twenty five Cents per pound - The balance of  
Contract agreed to as it reads - With this agreed  
to by the Contracting parties - I regard the Contract



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for the Service to be rendered - one of the best  
I have seen - and allowing me to decide  
you both in a just and equitable manner  
it will also save to the Govt some ten to  
twenty hundred bales of Cotton - saving the value  
thereof in freight & other - How kind for me I am  
a high Cotton price man - We have in this  
Department something the whole world is in  
eager pursuit of, and I am about if priced,  
and we shall not - We are too willing  
to get rid of our Cotton - If it should ever be  
my promise to decide on Contracts involving  
Cotton payment - I will then show my appreciation  
of its value to the entire world, and for  
consequence, to us of the Confederacy -  
I should like to see you, for I have much  
to say on this Cotton question, I think a  
plan can be inaugurated, which will  
develop our Cotton resources to their full extent,  
and to the entire world and Confederacy of those  
who would lead us believe we ~~are~~ leaning  
upon a broken reed - when we look to Cotton  
as our main support -



I took the liberty of making accompanying the papers to you,  
if not, there is no point I wish to call your attention  
to, for W. W. statement they estimate for 1,000,000  
for next the clip of next year of 500,000 this year,  
more than they have secured, and ask for the privilege of  
expending 600,000 to provide themselves with baking  
material to cover this quantity of work - upon this point  
I am of the following language to Ad. gen -

W. W. is a common-sense, practical, and working  
to provide for the future, but in view of the fact as I am saying

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"Unofficial

Adams Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport La 22 Sept 1863

Colonel,

From faras from Rusk & Houston, at hand,  
short they were, but very acceptable. I have but little of interest  
to write about, Adams not having honored me, or this Bureau,  
with any business since you left, for days I was without  
any thing to occupy my mind of a public nature, and so  
it appeared strange that upon your departure, all the  
business connected with the Cotton interest, departed  
with you, the mystery was not explained until your return  
to this office, the documents which Adams had sent  
forward to Houston, in place of devolving on me the  
duty - In a mind accustomed to act upon its own  
suggestions and assuming responsibilities, for years past,  
thus suddenly brought to a halt, without the privilege  
of saying by your leave Sir, I feel with some acuteness  
the anomalous state under which it is forced to act,  
but since I have become a soldier I have been taught  
more in the sense of obedience than my wife has been  
enabled to inculcate during a marriage of many years -  
altho I have the reputation of being, as you know, one of  
the most dutiful of husbands now extant - However,  
on this subject, you have no experience, and I fear,  
unable to appreciate -

I send you, with this, some private letters which I hoped  
will interest you - all not marked private I opened  
& attended to, a few days since, Miss Vance & Bro, of  
San Antonio, sent a lengthy document, by special  
hands, in answer to your letter, after reading carefully  
all they had to say and making many enquiries which  
the bearer was unable to answer, I concluded to send  
all the papers to you, for your action, but the bearer marked  
an opinion on them at Adams & I sent them up  
with such of my own views as the reading of them  
produced upon my own mind, I have occasioned no



reply altho more than ample time for an answer  
has elapsed, it may have been presumption in  
a plain Capt, not particularly assigned to this work  
by the powers that be in Trans-Miss. to address a  
Communication to a Brig Genl on so important  
a subject as the duties of the Govt. towards one  
of its agents; if so, I have committed a grave error,  
one of the head, not the heart; My Communication did  
not favor W. W. as agent, with reasons for the same,

The next business of importance was a letter  
from your old friend, Major M. B. Pierce, complaining  
that one Contractor Jacobs had ~~sent~~ one hundred &  
eleven boxes Cotton imposed at San-Antonio, that he  
had made Contracts with said Jacobs to furnish his  
Dept with necessary & important Com Stores, such  
as Soap, Candles, Rice & Domestic, and if not permitted  
to export the aforesaid 111 boxes Cotton, the Contract could  
not be complied with, greatly to the detriment of the  
Service - My sympathies were all on the side of the  
Major, knowing full well that if a sojourner for any  
length of time in Texas, that Soap would be a  
great essential in his ablutions, and its want  
a calamity equaled only to a Yankee invasion,  
& as to light, if not essential to him, he was more  
than ordinary in the scale of humanity, Rice too I  
knew to be a delicious food and admirably adapted  
to Hospital purposes, and I am sure in the present  
demanded state of the Army, domestics could be  
shown to be a prime necessity - Could stronger  
arguments than these be brought <sup>to</sup> bear in behalf of a  
Contract, yet true, not the want of means, but duty, a  
Soldier's duty which forbade the pleasing task of complying  
with the Major's wishes, and not wishing to trouble  
you any more - I assumed all the responsibility



of an endorsement on his papers, over your signature to the following effect - "all goods contracted for by competent ~~Government~~ officers, for Government purposes, payment of which is to be made in Cotton, permit to export will be given after delivery of goods, on payment of export duty, No permits are being issued in advance of delivery of goods contracted for."

In this summary manner I dispatched the Major's petition, and hope for the sake of the Cause, and the good of the Country, that Soap & Candles may be found to exist in Texas as products of the handiwork of her people, and that Rice & Domestic may for a time be dispensed with until some one is able to introduce them upon the terms and conditions above prescribed -

Capt Barge, under date of 18th inst, writes that he has been assigned, temporarily, to the duties of receiving public stores from Camden, Ark, and would enter upon same the next day, his work accomplished, he would return to the duties as connected with this Bureau, Your friend Major Good is in town, so John reports, I have not seen him, your Horse & Servant are in their way here. I have had sundry & divers enquiries, amounting to almost daily propositions, in regard to Government Cotton in exposed localities, it is indeed quite refreshing to see the amount of patriotism evinced in behalf of Gov interest, not altogether disinterested, but sufficiently so to warrant the conclusion that we had better have a small part of its Cotton than leave the whole by the devouring element, or the outcrop fee, in the end the latter is the actuating motive, upon the principle that a half loaf is better than none - this you must admit is more than the average disinterestedness to be found nowadays - As soon as something tangible presents itself which shall satisfy my own mind as to the interest of the Govt, I will once more submit to H & J - by the way in speaking of H & J, I have just learned the fate of the N & W papers -



Viz, "Respectfully referred to Coln Jewell, Chief of Cotton Bureau for Texas, after investigation you will permit Mr V W B to export as much Cotton as will meet the liabilities they have incurred as Govt Agents." This I regard as a judicious endorsement, if proper investigation is made, I think it will appear that they have incurred no liabilities for the Govt, in Mexico - I am not aware that the Ordnance I took the liberty of making accompany the papers to Texas, if not, there is one point I wish to call your attention to, In V W B's statement they estimate for 1,500,000 lbs of Work the Clip of Next Year of for 500,000 this year, more than they have received, and ask for the privilege of exporting 600 bales Cotton to provide themselves with baling material to cover this quantity of Work - Upon this point I used the following language to Hd Quarters -

"Mr V W B evinces a commendable foresight in wanting to provide for the future, but in view of the Tax in kind upon the quantity of all the Clip of Work to be handed over to the Tax Collector, and the impossibility of shipments East of the Mississippi, to say nothing of the quantity of Work on hand and contracted for from the Small Factory facilities in Texas - Miss Dept for making Woolen & Cotton goods, and the probabilities of the Clothing Bureau being able to make advantageous contracts for furnishing the Army - it becomes a question of much importance to determine whether it is the interest of the Govt to continue its purchases on the scale indicated by its agents, or narrowing them down to the wants of this Dept, and its facilities for manufacturing the same sorts of goods - My opinion is that unless the Work can be shipped East, it is a waste of the public funds to continue its purchase, for on this side we have no means of using it - I must now be brief, having but little space left in your friend Mr A. has been quite sick, but now considerably better, Mr B is worth the mention but has been confined to her bed ever since her arrival, I think she is better, and hope for her speedy recovery - I hope this long letter will not weary your patience in its perusal -

Yours truly

W. H. Black

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Letter to Maria of 1800-1801 that was written

probably from Mary to her sister the friend of  
the girl, as Joseph and Mary's daughter, and his  
Mary the "Cousin" as you say -



Admiral's letter Bureau  
 Thursday 16th Nov 1863

Dear General

Your last favor is of the 6th inst. - I am in hopes I shall hear from you by Courier to day - in my last I sent you Copy of I supposed shipment of 100 Bats Cotton to Portsmouth - I did it with the view of simplifying, so that it would take hold of the General's attention and inform his mind of the value of our Cotton under the most adverse state of things as now exists - a few hours after I had sent it to the Genl, I was sent for - and I found, as simple as the case was to my mind, his was not without some degree of perplexity, I explained and I think left him under the profound impression that the Cotton acrosses of the Trans-Atlantic were not to be damaged at -

On Saturday I received another invitation to present myself in his August presence - I accepted it with no slight trepidation as I could not divine the object of wishing my presence - I soon learned that a letter had been sent from Major Genl Taylor, that a Detachment had permission from the Cotton Bureau to export Cotton and the Genl wished to know if I had given it - I very modestly informed him I knew not the matter - and that such permission had been emanated from this Bureau - after thus delivering myself, I made my bow and took my adieu - the same circumstance and occasion, of the most interesting, agonizing, faith not - I have sent Capt A S Foxworth to Arkansas to purchase bagging & his for the Bureau - I enclose you Copy of his instructions which Genl Taylor thought I had best send to you as it premises details the expenditure of money which are under your control - and must receive your official sanction - you will find Copy accompanying this - I hope you have been able through the aid of Major Taylor to organize your Bureau for the great State of Texas.



And ~~and you will be~~ ~~the~~ the unaged birds,  
 at liberty to return to your native air -  
 In your preparations to organize for Texas - the Commission  
 you agree to allow for transportation awarded by attention,  
 for I think you did not bestow upon it your usual  
 thought - you say for all cotton hauled <sup>up to</sup> 400 miles,  
 you will allow 12 pounds Cotton for every 100 pounds  
 thus hauled for each 100 miles - and all hauling  
 over 400 miles you will give one half for the  
 other - in this arrangement, you pay for the Cotton  
 hauling twice as much as for the former and  
 that too without the Government receiving an equivalent,  
 for instance, A hauls 100<sup>lb</sup> Cotton 400 miles for  
 which you pay him in Cotton 48<sup>lb</sup> B hauls for  
 you 100<sup>lb</sup> Cotton a distance of 410 miles & you  
 decide this hauls with him, which leaves only  
 50<sup>lb</sup> for the Government - While A, delivering 100<sup>lb</sup> for  
 which you only pay 48<sup>lb</sup> do you understand me  
 in a case you have at Knoxville 100 pounds of Cotton  
 to the Government Credit, at a cost of 48 pounds - While  
 in D.C. you only have 50<sup>lb</sup> at Knoxville for  
 Credit of the Government for which you pay 50<sup>lb</sup> -  
 don't you see you pay B 50<sup>lb</sup> for only hauling 50<sup>lb</sup>,  
 and at 48<sup>lb</sup> for hauling 100 pounds - "We have had  
 experience" - Let your ~~Cotton~~ Commission be  
 regulated by distance in this, the man who hauls  
 the greatest number of miles will receive the greatest  
 number of pounds because of the number of miles, ~~the~~  
not, a change of rates - If a man delivers 48<sup>lb</sup> of  
 Cotton for hauling 100 lbs, a distance of 400 miles  
 B, will receive 96<sup>lb</sup> for hauling his 100 lbs a  
 distance of 800 miles - this should be your rate,  
 it is enough to satisfy any man but a Texan -  
 It becomes us to use our Cotton with the utmost care  
 & prudence - it is of exceeding great value to us -  
 And a proper, judicious management, will augment  
 the resources of this Department beyond measure



Calculating - ~~you~~ echo my sentiments when  
you say outside parties should not have the  
privilege of expiating their Cotton, without receiving  
premium from the Cotton B. and for Commodities  
of value to the Govt - and if left to me, to issue  
permits, I pledge you they would be like Angles  
Vests, few and far between - it is well to say  
to speculate upon the results of a judicious or an  
in-judicious management of the Cotton interests as  
found in this department - it will do no good, for  
to me they are so plain, (and I am not endowed  
with unusual penetration) that he who comes may  
read - the whole difficulty and the problems which  
must be solved is, "interest of Govt, & P. interest  
of Speculators" - and if any of our officials are so  
understood or mistaken, to permit these  
antagonistic interests to be laid in the balance,  
it is not hard to say which end of the beam  
will be depressed -

I thank you for your recent favors, I am  
glad your Comprehensive view of the 5th -  
I still think it is indispensable to the success  
of the Cause in which you and I are engaged  
that the one man power, <sup>should prevail</sup> ~~should prevail~~ <sup>no. 4</sup>  
but I defer to the Genl Commanding and his able  
a a Genl - if we cannot act - it is a pleasure  
to have the power to think - and in friendly speech  
to give utterance to thought to a friend in a  
friendly way, as you and I have and can do -  
The concluding sentence in your letter to the  
Mayor is very touching - I like the picture, I look  
on it, and there look on that - I find I have  
but little to interest you - For some time I have  
thought if the Genl did not hurry your return  
that I would invoke the power invested in me  
as an A. G. M., acting in Cotton B. for Chief I



of said Bureau, and order your return myself - for  
 the truth is, I miss you much - and if we  
 cannot do much by overt acts, we can keep  
 up a terrible thinking which if known to all,  
 might unsettle the theme itself - at least in  
 our estimation - but enough of this, I have  
 long since come to the conclusion to try and  
 do my duty, let others do as they may please -  
 Your friend

Black

I think the Publics permit to expect, if issued at  
 all, came from H. A. J. - but I don't know it to be  
 so. I do know, however, it never was issued by the  
 Cotton Bureau at Ghazipur - and am satisfied  
 was not by you, or I would have known it -

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In estimating my transportation charges in the Supper  
Jurassic, I allowed 25,000 to Cotton for hauling 25,000  
 to Brownsville, which under the rate I proposed  
 in this letter would make the cost much more  
 generally to the bank, as 25,000 would pay for the  
 hauling of 50,000 - yielding the bank nearly  
 66 2/3 cents in the dollar on its Confederate money -  
 bend your mind down to this dollar & cent question and  
 properly you may be able to penetrate the mind of  
 the bank, or project your thoughts therein, and he  
 may be "amaint a good as gone" -

Knowledge as to their  
 seeming neglect of  
 him indeed the  
 make appropriate  
 the law of common  
 you have read the  
 your future will  
 the same I can  
 you have said, I  
 take through in  
 Antonio - I fear  
 myself of Christmas  
 allotted period of  
 of the land have  
 from time immemorial  
 as it is, I go every  
 and stay the Monday  
 week I fear I shall  
 unless you will come  
 May I find the cabin  
 have & wishes to purchase  
 for God, perhaps after the  
 as soon as he can during its



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Ad genl Cotton Bureau  
Ghent 27th Nov 1863

Colonel

I wrote you a few days ago,  
since which I learn you have asked  
for permission to go to San Antonio &  
your request had been granted - I regret  
you did not first return here as  
I wished to have some long and  
earnest talks on this Cotton question -  
I have been "alone in my glory" at  
these Ad genl, longer than I bargained  
for - the business of this Bureau is  
increasing - I fear the number of  
Contracts based upon Cotton will  
exhaust the patriotism of the land -  
being an "unbeliever" in a great  
measure in the whole Contract



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Sir, I am not disposed to  
show much mercy - unless mercy  
is shown to the Government, and of  
course my position is such as  
will, without fail, make me  
the most popular man in the  
Department, so you must not  
be surprised if in my old days  
I should conclude to abandon  
the "smooth and even tenor of  
my accustomed ways" and enter  
with zeal and vim the political  
arena - I am anxious to know  
the plan upon which your Hon.  
Gov Texas has been organized and  
the relation this Human Will  
sustain to it, also if some well  
desputed cause has been adopted

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For the observance of both, it  
is of primary importance that  
the general rules and principles  
of both should harmonize -  
the spirit of Garrettsville I  
hope will be ignored and that  
it will be plainly understood  
upon what terms and what  
conditions the exportation of cotton  
will be allowed - Thus far the  
Govt has gained little other  
than trouble and expense in its  
cotton operations and now the  
matter is committed to the wisdom  
and probity of undoubted  
honesty, it is to be hoped they  
will secure for it its true &  
legitimate value - and establish  
~~it~~ for the Govt a credit on

its Cotton so long needed to carry  
 on successfully the Military operations of  
 this Dept. — It has here been dependent  
 entirely on Contractors to supply our  
 Army, and with the limited transportation  
 to be found in our lines. Augmenting  
 charges and increasing the difficulties,  
 these ~~goods~~ <sup>contracts</sup> could only be relied upon,  
 especially if Cotton was permitted to  
 leave our lines, before delivery of goods —  
 as it was made to the interest of these  
 Contractors to carry out their Contracts.  
 Of course under this state of affairs,  
 the Govt. was always the sufferer —  
 and will so continue, under such  
 management — but if we adopt the  
 Maxim of the Commercial World that  
 "Competition is the life of trade," and  
 can insure a wholesome Competition



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into the introduction of goods for  
Army purposes, in our lines, our  
labor will not be in vain - but  
I much question if this Competition  
will avail if we expect it from  
the people - For it is a strange feature  
I have discovered in this war - that  
no man is willing to compete  
with another at low prices, but  
from outside influences expects to  
get more - of course there are  
exceptions, enough only, however, to  
prove the rule - You may ask him  
I would ~~prefer~~ a change and  
provide a competition which would  
have beneficial tendencies - I answer  
by the Govt undertaking to supply  
her own wants, though her own

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Agency ~~officials~~ and in the case of her  
Cotters, in the event of outside parties  
of known integrity and ability not  
being found to help on the good cause  
by supplying the wants of our army at  
living prices - Or if you prefer, let  
us at once raise the Credit of our  
Govt, in the estimation of Europe, up to  
the standard of the Value of her Soldiers,  
and when once a Credit is established  
and our ability is shown to maintain  
this Credit - the difficulties in the  
way of Army Supplies, at reasonable  
prices, are miraculously removed -

This I think can be done by the  
Gentlemen who are appointed to manage  
this great interest in the State of Texas.  
I hope it they will manage the Govt  
business with all the care, prudence,  
efficiency and fidelity, which would be

observed in their own affairs - let this  
be done and separate the Cotton  
question and its operations as far as  
possible from the Military, and may  
hold for it, a new future, foreboding  
of good to the Confederacy ~~is~~ will  
dawn upon it - The rock which  
has nearly sunk us, Favoriteism -  
will be avoided, and the man who  
will accomplish the most good at the  
smallest expense and shortest time will  
receive the attention and reward he merits -

All these points, I doubt not, have  
been discussed by the able board in charge  
of the Cotton interests for Texas - and any  
suggestions I may make, is done in  
a spirit of deference to your and their  
superior judgment - As I am ignorant  
of the rules and regulations which have  
been adopted for the guidance of the  
Cotton Bureau and anxious that all



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My acts may conform thereto, I am  
awaiting with some impatience, your  
promised advice -

I fear you have left for San Antonio,  
in my last I intimated that Moore &  
Nave did desire to come up to my  
terms, but since, they have, and I  
have contracted for only 5000 Bales -  
Which they will deliver at Houston -

Capt A B Miller and Coln J W Polk, the  
latter of them, he says, you are well acquainted  
with wishes to contract for 6000 bales, and on  
reasonable terms, and if you & the board at  
Houston, think it advisable for our cotton to  
go forward, I will make a contract with  
them - this part of my letter, hope you will answer  
by return of carrier, for if we expect to make  
available before long, it is time that boats  
were being built - The policy of sending  
cotton to Houston is a question which you  
can better decide, than I - If you think it  
advisable, I can, I believe, send 6000 Bales

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more, in time for the water, and if  
your knowledge of Col Pope is sufficient  
to warrant my giving him the Contract -  
I will, in your reply, close the matter -  
Col Taylor of Benham, has been here  
trying to make a contract with the  
Clothing Bureau, but its chief thought  
you misapprehended ~~Col Taylor~~  
proposition and declined a contract  
under it - at the Col's request I drew  
up a former contract that the Clothing  
Bureau would agree to, if the Clothing  
Bureau would contract under it, but even  
this was declined by Major Haynes -  
With this I send you this proposition  
and I think you will agree with me  
in saying it is a good one even upon  
a peace basis - Why it was declined  
is inconceivable - It was not  
my business to urge the making of contracts

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but could not help remarking if the  
Dept was in want of Supplies, a valuable  
proposition to introduce them should  
be availed of, for it was seldom such  
Contracts were offered to the Govt as  
these <sup>one</sup> presented - I think Major Haynes  
was anxious to make the Contract, but  
was overruled by Coln O'Sullivan, Chief  
of the M<sup>ns</sup>. who thought a better Contract  
could be made with other parties -  
I send you a copy of the Contract, and  
you may judge "be tempted to" - The Coln  
is willing to make a Contract, and if  
so disposed, you can avail of his offer.  
His P. O. address is Benham, Texas -

In our Cotton Moving we are doing  
as well as we could expect - the Cottons  
in many Cases are in quite bad order,  
and I apprehend difficulty in procuring  
valuing material for putting the bales in  
good order after we compress them -  
~~the~~ Can you furnish us with Bagging



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Irene and rope or iron ties in Humber  
these articles are more require and all  
the aid you can give will be thankfully  
received - I have recd word from Capt  
Smith, I hope his mission will be suc-  
=cessful - Mr Ginsman was to have left  
this morning for the South, but the stage left  
before its arrival and consequently without  
him - Your Brother, the Major, spent a day  
with me, he was in hopes to have met you,  
he returned yesterday to Alexandria - I obtained  
his consent to visit all our Cities in the  
Orachita region, to examine and report  
upon their condition, and if losses had  
occurred, how, and to what extent - I  
gave him written instructions, appointed  
at Hd qrs - authorizing him to attend  
to this service, and to ensure the greater  
efficiency, he was instructed to call on  
Major McKen for a detailed statement  
of all these Cities, who would furnish him  
with the same - I am glad to report that  
we have so efficient an agent for this  
business - We are sadly deficient in

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Knowledge as to their Cetting - and fear our  
seeming neglect of them thus far may  
have induced the vicious or dishonest to  
make appropriations not warranted under  
the Law of Common Honesty - by the time  
you have read through this long letter,  
your patience will have deserted you, and  
the sooner I conclude the better - If  
you have time, I would suggest <sup>that</sup> you  
take Shreveport in your route to San  
Antonio - I fear I cannot avail  
myself of Christmas time to spend the  
allotted period with all the Blacks  
of the land have acceded to them  
from time immemorial, with my family -  
as it is, I go every other Saturday night  
and stay till Monday morning - but Christmas  
Doubt I fear I shall be checked out of  
unless you will come to my aid

My friend has the cable -

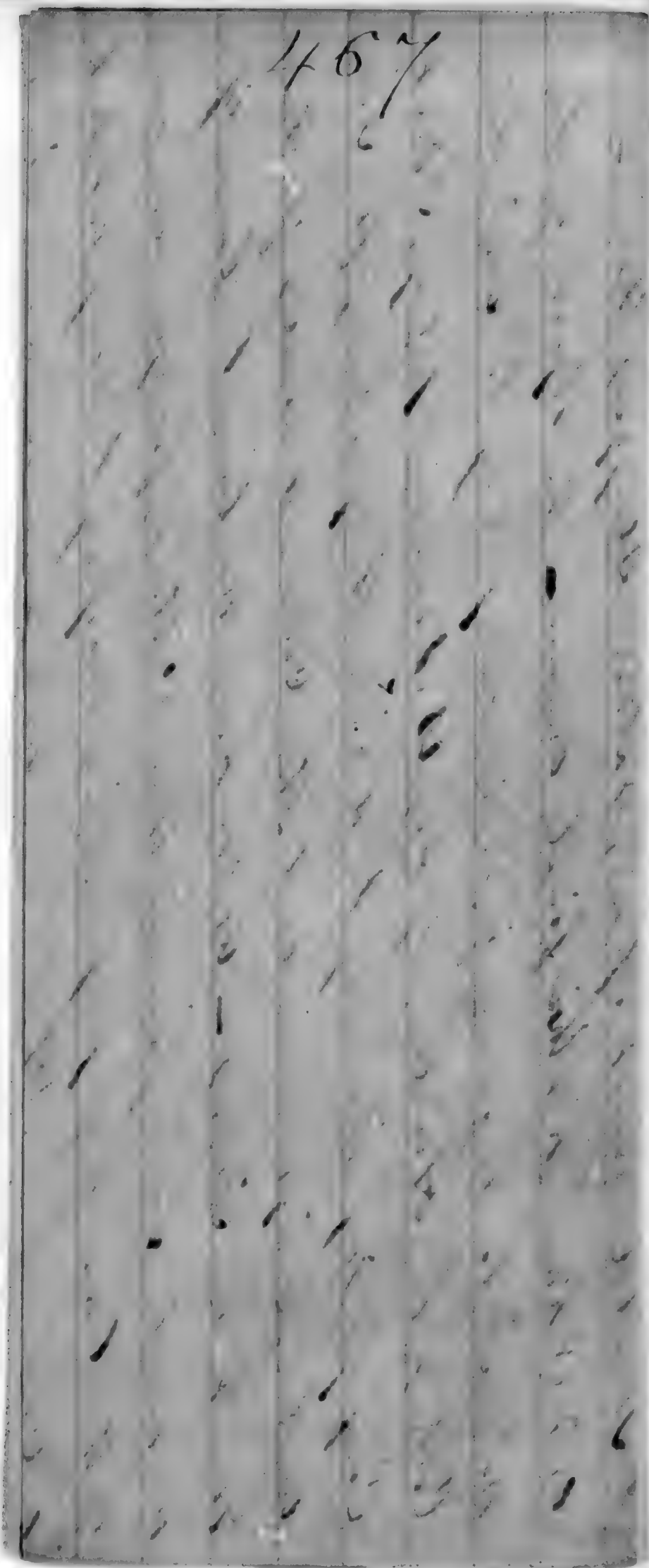
He has & wishes to purchase some  
for Gold, perhaps after the war, or  
as soon as he can during its continuance

A friend

Your friend

W. B. Black

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No. 9, Cotton Bureau  
Ghent 25th Nov 1863

Dear Colonel

The proposition of Messrs Foster  
has been referred to me for final decision - the  
Change which I intimated to you in my last, which  
I should insist upon, rather stopping them -  
and I have not their final answer - the object of this  
note is to enquire if it is our policy to send these  
Cottons to Houston, if so, is it our best policy, I must  
confess my inability to decide the question, for I am  
in total ignorance as to the Cotton resources of the  
Govt in Texas - as we have no time to lose if  
we are to send forward these Cottons, for you are aware  
of the amount of proper charges necessary to carry out such  
a Contract - I hope you will give me your views  
by return of Courier - The Lt Genl advances no opinion  
as to obstructing ~~by~~ the enemy - from which I infer he  
anticipates none, but does question the ability of the contractors  
to carry out their Contract - I may be able to reduce the  
Contract to 5000 Bales, if you think it advisable -

I am glad you have succeeded in organizing the  
Bureau for Texas, and hope soon to see you here  
at your post, for I miss you much -

Yours truly

W B Black

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at anxiety to know,  
 to Rogers to a certain  
 said he did not feel  
 the responsibility of  
~~the~~ proposed the  
 Gal. Society, but that  
 it to him, I suppose  
 unity were in hand  
 and attention - I urged  
 of action and then  
 complimenting ~~improving~~  
 - Mother and thought  
 - Mother -

Smith you, I wish it  
 - as the time is to be  
 - are going to build  
 out hull & place a  
 L & G steam and  
 it me here for you  
 is - I hope you can  
 - about 30 days out?  
 me Cotton, quite a good trip  
 Black

Adams Cotton Bureau  
New York  
Dear General

In my last I intimated  
my probability of getting Messrs. Hamilton  
to take a contract to carry 10,000  
Bales Cotton to Hamilton from the South,  
Now, I send you a proposition which  
I have no doubt they will sign -  
I send it unregarded for the reasons  
that these gentlemen have no large  
business dependent upon them to ruin,  
and therefore upon me all the safety  
of their contract, and indeed almost  
their term - this places me in a rather  
an awkward position - I am here to  
serve the Govt, and if necessary to the  
exclusion even of private friendship.



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-but in this case, these Gentlemen  
have permitted me to make terms  
for them, and while I must be just  
to the Govt, yet am unwilling to  
inclose them in pecuniary losses -  
you appreciate my situation - therefore  
I submit to you their propositions, which  
they will sign at any moment, and  
with your candid judgment on it -  
I think it is remarkably favorable  
for the Govt, and I also think it  
may be carried out to advantage by  
the Contractors, but being ignorant as  
to Railroad Charges from Orange to State,  
I could figure up profits and losses  
with no certainty - These Gentlemen have  
means to carry on their work without  
calling on the Govt for any money -  
the 500,000 dollar debt is a precarious  
measure - and may or may not be paid

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by them, but now the Contract. I  
understand it is all my own doing  
and since it is for my own act, I would  
not feel bound by the Committee. I do  
in leaving the matter almost entirely  
left to me and my own free judgment.  
If it comes itself to your judgment  
and you think it for the interest of  
the Govt, and that it is necessary  
for, but rather a reasonable amount  
will be required by the Contracting,  
approve it, and I will send it up to  
Hd. qrs. - These gentlemen will do the  
work, if the Service will furnish the  
Navy, for they have not only the  
means of receiving supplies, in a way  
you know. I know of - but they have  
the undertaking & want to accomplish all  
they promise to do - I have no objection  
you Hd. qrs. in the subject of buying  
I don't like - I thought my Commission  
had gone down to you - but yesterday



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Feeling ~~much~~ great anxiety to know,  
I called on Genl. Baggot to ascertain  
its fate, the Genl. said he did not feel  
that he could take the responsibility of  
acting, and had ~~not been~~ prepared the  
papers to go before Genl. Somerset, but that  
he had ~~not~~ sent it to him, I suppose  
more important documents were in hand  
demanding his time and attention - I urged  
the great importance of action and then  
left with no very complimentary impression  
of ~~the~~ matters and things  
in general in Lord's Hall.

If this proposition suits you, I wish its  
approach hastened, as no time is to be  
lost, these gentlemen are going to build  
a long steam boat hull & place a  
machinery to propel it by steam and  
two engines - so let me hear from you  
by return of Courier - I hope you can  
make out this sketch - about 30 Hogs out?  
to 2 of from Scheme for some Cotton, quite a good thing  
Black









of all his Cotton operations, Major McKee has complied to a request I made of him to send up full returns of all his Cotton operations, and those of his Agents - exhibiting Number of bales bought, from whom purchased, their present locality and points as to future delivery, agreed upon with the Sellers at the time of purchase - giving as a reason for this request, that it was one of the duties of the Cotton Bureau to have & keep on file an account of all the Govt. Cotton in this District. It is to be hoped you will get Major McKee's report and by the time of your return, this Bureau will be able to furnish correct information as to the Govt. Cotton throughout the entire District, as it now stands the information is but little and our records few.

Capt. Dyer is on duty still in remaining further than  
from the [unclear], Arty. I have no information as  
to the movements of Capt. Parry, but doubtless he is  
doing his duty -

A few days since application was made to the American Legation  
5000 or more bales of Cotton, at 25¢ a pound. Capt. Henry L. [unclear]  
[unclear] in Cairo, by George W. Hobson - the Cotton to be [unclear] at  
any point [unclear] to [unclear] - which this [unclear] might select  
the proposition was in writing and I immediately [unclear]  
it to the Lt. Genl. and addressed him the Communique [unclear]  
which you will find accompanying this - I sought an  
interview with the Lt. Genl. [unclear] the papers in  
[unclear] as you see I said your name - My view being  
of too little importance to accomplish the object in view,  
but the [unclear] was as [unclear] a [unclear] [unclear],  
for the Genl. was much struck with my use of your name  
than the importance of the subject brought to his notice,  
if I might judge from the lecture he gave me,  
and the caution as to the use of names not my own



appeared to my Commencement, at the same time looking  
 at the propriety of such a course - This you will see  
 at once was very agreeable to me - No expectation I could  
 offer would avail me, and all the papers sent Commenced  
 were returned with the request that the publishers  
 would call on him; a greater insult I never felt  
 before, in all my life - I addressed a note to Mr  
 Helms, making known the facts, wishes & what progress  
 has been made in the matter, I am signed out of -  
 The fact is doubtless a great Military Chestnut,  
 and a great to the defense of this, or any other Dept.  
 but in some points, if it be not a presumption, he and I  
 would differ - I attempted to use my own name  
 with the Dept. Hd. Qrs, this was informal; unofficial;  
 I tried yours - this was, what do you think? just  
 the same - the with your written assent and  
 recommendation - but my only and last hope  
 alternative is, if I should be so unfortunate as to  
 require advice from Hd. Qrs - and should be so  
 foolish as to ask it - is to sign no name at  
 all to any Com. I may send with the Com. and  
 expectation of their being able to guess the source  
 of its emanation and make their answer through  
 you at Hartford, Providence, or some place far  
 removed - personally I am unknown to all  
 the officials at Hd. Qrs - Can there be any  
 responsibility as to the establishment of an Electric  
 Bureau, has it excited the ill will of any -  
 or is it all attributable to my ignorance of  
 approaching to them in matters referred to, there just  
 I cannot answer - it is more than probable my own  
 ignorance is the cause - I hope I may learn at  
 the feet of some "Gamaliel" of the art of War, before I am  
 again called upon to write to Hd. Qrs -





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 Appliances - and  
 Navigation, that  
 can be carried  
 Ballast - and of  
 Gas and Carrying  
 Power, in of than  
 We could have  
 Hauled in there <sup>May</sup>  
 I have requested  
 estimate what it  
 to transport Ballast  
 under his management  
 get all the Plans  
 to and an answer  
 ought to ~~propose~~  
 succeed in my efforts  
 and ~~both~~ propose  
 opinion and dece  
 estimate my own ope  
superior parties a  
 Work of their Navigation  
 but more anon -



Colonel

Shrompton 31st Oct 1865

Since my last, things are in  
flatter form, I have no quarrel  
~~had~~ got on the bagging & so  
business - Suppose, having my application  
has been forwarded to you for approval -  
I have only one objection to this  
course, that is, the delay it occasions,  
We have sent off our 500 Bales to  
the Saline, I am trying to get Capt  
Moore & Smelter to make a contract  
to carry 10,000 Bales between from  
the Saline to Hamilton, I think they  
are in the humor, and if they  
are out of the job - they will transport  
the Machinery of the Tug in Wheels  
to the Saline & build a hull for  
it, which they can do in less than  
90 days, for they have not only the  
knowledge but all the necessary

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Apparatus - and with Steam  
Navigation, that no of bales can  
be carried to Orange or  
Baltimore - and if the Harbour  
has any Carrying Capacity and ~~ready~~  
power, in less than six months time,  
we could have 10,000 bales beyond  
Houston in time <sup>May</sup> to the Sea Board -  
I have requested Capt Barnett to  
estimate what it would cost the Govt  
to transport Cotton on the Atlantic,  
under his Management - He is to  
get all the knowledge I can in order  
to aid in answering all the queries we  
ought to propound to parties, If I  
succeed in my efforts, I will immediately  
send both propositions to you for your  
opinion and decision, also Barnett's  
estimate. My own opinion is, that the  
responsible parties are better for the  
work of their Navigation than the Govt,  
but more certain - Yours friend Black

Capt. A. D. Smith reports having been  
going for duty, but not definitely with  
want of his services, his personal leave  
of absence to attend to some of his  
private matters. I made application  
for him <sup>for duty</sup> and he is now  
about to have it granted -

I should like to be informed as  
to the railroad charge on a bale  
of cotton from Orange to Houston,  
or to Alleyton and the point most  
desirable of the two, for our cotton  
to be transported - I intend to make  
no contract, but merely receive  
propositions to be referred to you -  
but you readily see the importance  
of my knowing cost of transportation  
in Texas, to induce proposals



1170.

Worthy of your attention, The sooner  
the letter, if this state is set out to  
Contract, as the market is low and  
Mind that the order of the London  
Comet and goeth without coming  
or working for our interests -

Yours Black

I have been thinking of writing to you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time. I am now in the country and have a great deal to do. I hope to be able to write to you more fully when I return to the city. I am very much interested in the state of the market and in the progress of the war. I hope to hear from you soon.

being paid back to the Govt, by Mps  
of Mr I am now about to granting  
their request and to them there better  
for at least 20 years ago. So far  
concerning, most of the other and have  
not been able to get it high as yet  
and so on. The same thing has been  
done before.





[illegible]





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New York Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport Nov 12th 1863

Invoice of 100 Bales Cotton shipped by the Govt,  
from Shreveport, to Brownsville, Texas -

	Cost to the Govt	
To 100 Bales averaging 500 <sup>lb</sup>	50.000 <sup>lb</sup> @ 220/	10.000.00
" Hauling from Shreveport to the Saline & from Depot at Houston to Depot for Alleyton	3	2.000.00
" Transportation from Saline to Houston, as per Contract of Moore & Son Mer	3	3.000.00
" Transportation from Houston to Alleyton		1.000.00
		16.000.00

	Ct	
By Sales at Brownsville, 100 Bales	50.000 <sup>lb</sup>	
Let one half of the Cotton given to transport the other half from Alleyton to Brownsville	25.000	
	25.000	
	to Govt Credit	25.000 <sup>lb</sup>
Sales 25.000 <sup>lb</sup> at present prices, say 31¢ per pound		7.750.00

Constituting an average of 77 1/2% - dollars in specie a  
bale, or nearly an average of 50¢ in the dollar in specie  
for Confederate Money -

General, to aid in your Cotton investigations, I have  
suggested a shipment to Brownsville, and with the light before  
me, the above is the result - I have made many deductions  
in the way of transportation exp. but still find that our Cotton  
can be moved by the way of the Saline, and on charge to  
the Govt, nearly, if not quite 50¢ in the dollar on its  
cost - If the above is of sufficient importance to  
commend itself to your favorable consideration, I should  
be pleased if you would call the Lt Genl's attention  
also to it -

Respectfully

Yours etc

Brig Genl W R B. 220

Chief of Staff

S. J. M

W C Black

Capt & a q m

Acting in Cotton Bureau



14 1/3  
 from Cotton Bureau  
 throughout 27th Oct 1863

Clearance a few days ago,  
 some of your Goods -  
 arrived with some  
 loss some 40 or 50 more  
 days - the terms are  
 and in the case of this  
 or 600 Bales on the way  
 it of delivery is not decided  
 in, either Liverpool or  
 L, but the latter much the  
 given such instructions  
 as in the Cotton Act, if  
 it is suffering from Chilly,  
 winds in their work &  
 it, as soon as they get  
 them, they will then turn  
 sailing of that boats &  
 in the future, I think  
 securing their services -  
 suitable weather, must  
 not be omitted -

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Adams Cotton Bureau  
Glasgow 27th Oct 1863

Colonel

I had the pleasure a few days ago, to hear which I have news of your friends - Barrett & Berge have arrived with some 30 or 40 men & will have some 40 or 50 more in the course of a few days - the men are now working the mines and in the course of this week will have some 500 or 600 tons on the way to Solene River - the point of delivery is not decided upon but expect it will be either Legansport or Potomac - both accessible, but the latter much the nearer point - I have given such instructions as will prevent confusion in the Cotton Act, if properly observed - Berge is suffering from Chills, but he & Barrett are vigorous in their work & hope to accomplish much, as soon as they get the mining fully in operation, they will then turn their attention to the building of flat boats so as to avail of the river in the future, I think you were fortunate in securing their services - If they are favored with suitable weather, most of the Red River Cottons will be removed -

As for those in the River below belonging to  
 the Mill purchase, Nothing will be done  
 with it, until your return, unless the arrangement  
 made with Witherbury is carried out,  
 I wrote to Major Waller for a list of that  
 amount the River with the view of saving the  
 first water in the River to its channel to the  
 Lake, but he has made no reply to my letter,  
 and for the time elapsed, he probably will not,  
 amongst the running on the stock is one to the  
 effect that you had resigned, I hope this is  
 not true, the better interests of the department  
 cannot afford to lose you - and I think the  
 God commanding will be of the same opinion -  
 One or three persons have asked me if the report  
 was true, not knowing, I denied it - I hope  
 nothing will occur to force such a step or  
 induce the God to accept permit it - Nothing  
 short of an ignominy of self respect, I hope  
 at this time, would justify such an act, in the  
 opinion of those who know you and love the good  
 of the Country at heart - Mr Simpson left in  
 the stage this morning - his trip amounted



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to nothing, but if this, you will hear from  
himself in a day or two - I have heard that  
Judge Gray has accepted the position of Chief  
of Justices, is this so? - If it is, possibly your  
stay at Hinton will soon terminate - Have  
you any advice from Major Williamson as to  
his & Capt Dineyette success in unravelling  
the mystery as connected with Major Hart's  
operations - No reports have come up to  
them yet from any of the Agents excepting  
David McKee for Arkansas - The Genl order,  
No 35 - does not merit with the respect and  
attention which a general order should inspire,  
It is said in mathematics one demonstration is  
as good as a thousand, wonder if this rule  
will apply as well good in Genl orders -  
if so, and No 35 is the rule - What endless  
Confusion may we not expect to flow therefrom,  
I have just returned from home, where I had been  
for two days to see a sick family, I left all  
improving as much as can be expected of those  
suffering from William's chills - they are speculating  
are the scourge of this section of the land -

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It would be unwise in me to expect the  
daily current runners of any movements,  
East of the Mississippi for the next day is bound  
to bring a refutation of the previous day's  
report - therefore, I will content myself in  
saying from all we can gather, things are  
more hopeful "to the side than this" - You  
doubtless will take great encouragement from  
this news - John comes in daily to  
enquire when Martin Williams will be  
home - and I daily reply "don't know John -  
and with this the intensest cares - Madam  
Stender has recovered her health, but the  
Coptic is quite sick - I send you a letter  
from Dr. Williams, I wrote him, in answer,  
that you were still in Texas - When you have  
nothing to do, should be pleased to hear from you -

Chas W. Prudden

Houston

Texas

Yours truly

W. B. Black

the expediency necessary for carrying on the paper  
contributes to its legitimate end - All the  
the only interference, All the proposition to obtain  
the proper proportion constructing, All the only means  
the Cotton harvest be the law of the land -  
I submitted with all the force and authority of  
the continental Commissioner - With such power, and  
power and more of its harsh policy, the Cotton harvest  
fulfill its mission as harvest to the continent -  
I confess to the harvest and disloyal -  
Yours, &c, Black



Ad. gen. Cotton Bureau  
Glasgow 3rd Nov 1863

Dear Colonel

I had the honor of addressing you  
this morning, accompanying Contract of Miss S. Foster,  
but I was so hurried, and wrote such a miserable scrawl,  
that I fear your generosity to decipher, was sorely taxed.  
One feature of the Contract alluded to, I omitted directing  
<sup>your</sup> special attention to, it is that of compressing our Cotton  
before we undertake to ship on so long a journey as  
the Rio Grande - My attention to this was drawn after seeing  
the bad condition of the Cotton now being received from  
this quarter, a condition too, which we can hardly hold  
the Planter responsible, as it is more the result of the  
perishable nature of the material with which it is  
laden, than a want of proper care of the Planter -  
but, be the cause whatever it may it becomes the concern  
of the public interest to remedy it so that serious loss  
may be prevented - My remedy is in compressing, it  
not only saves in waste of Cotton, but in damage from  
exposure from the weather, because of the tightness with  
which it will be packed - indeed, in my humble  
opinion the saving to the Govt, can hardly be estimated -  
a little increase, however, may make this plan  
impracticable, for the want of baling material, as  
as to the words in permit of oak for ties - the Govt  
may, in most cases, use, but rope, or its equivalent  
we will be compelled to have - I join you in  
"it is hard to keep ones temper" - so hard that

not inspired, at times; to quit in disgust and  
return to my quiet home; where, "with the Wife of  
my affections and the Mother of my Children" -  
no distracting cares are permitted to enter to mar  
the pleasures of our Elysium - and leave Jane - Miss  
to its fate - but then again I imagine my Wife and  
Children can take care of themselves, and maybe  
by "letting patience have her perfect work" - I may yet  
accomplish some good in serving the Confederacy -  
And thus, day by day I console myself with

"Who does the best his Circumstance allows,  
Does well, acts nobly, Angels could do more."

This sentiment of Doct Young, is a great favorite with  
me, and in my emergency, am trying to live up to it.

In your last letter, I like the hit you make at  
the "Rever behind the Throne", "greater than the Throne",  
it is, by no means complimentary to the Throne, for if  
such a power, as you intimate, can move or govern  
a Throne, much weakness must be en- throned,  
but upon the principle that big things from little Ac-  
tions we may presume big things ~~also~~ come from  
insignificant sources -

You ask my opinion as to the measure proposed  
for the Texas Bureau - I answer, it may do, but  
efficiency and thoroughness give me the One Man  
man. A man with brains to think and devise &  
will to execute, clothed with power ample for  
his orders, and he will do more, if he is  
the man, in the right place, than a dozen of



the best men in Texas - I know "in the multiplicity  
of Councils, there lacketh not wisdom," to be a better  
doctrine, and of protesting ~~with me~~ but, in these days  
of degeneracy, the whole human family appear to be  
more or less prevented in their judgment, so much  
so that in questions of momentous interests to the land.  
No two great minds see alike - and in the conflict  
of mind with mind and opinion vs opinion the great  
whirls of action cease their revolution, until disorganizing  
Doctors have arrived at some practical results -

The one man, may have his advisors, but he has  
responsibilities too, all his own, which he cannot  
divide out ~~with~~ and share with these advisors -  
~~but~~ which he <sup>alone</sup> must assume, hence he is forced  
under their pressure to act more promptly, than  
if he had a dozen associated with him where  
a divided responsibility exists - I fear I have  
not made myself plain, not as much so as I could  
wish, for my mind is dull to day - so much so that  
I am not very plain to myself - but will trust to your  
penetration, if there is thought, in the above, you will  
find it - if not, you will be no wiser after reading  
than before -

If Genl Smith should ask me to discuss  
plans for Texas, I would say order St. Louis  
Broadwell to report to these Hqs, immediately  
at the same time, order all the Cotton Office  
to report here to meet him, at a given  
And to come prepared to exhibit a plan



Ampliously explicit, to enable this Bureau  
to collate all the business connected with  
the Cotton interests of Texas - Messrs - and place  
the St. Paul in possession of knowledge (about  
as far from him, at this time, as the Antipodes are  
from each other) of the greatest importance for him  
to know - viz a tabular statement of the  
Cotton resources of his Department - Such of  
the Officials who had proven true to their trust,  
return them to their post, with instructions from  
them to govern their future course - those  
inaccommodate to their trust, dismiss from their Office  
and reduce to the ranks, as privates, to serve  
in such Capacity, until the close of the War -  
and appoint others to take their place - let all  
orders, and all business in Cotton, except  
its purchase be committed to one Bureau  
and one Chief, with power ample to set in  
motion and keep in working order all the  
machinery necessary for carrying on so large  
interests to its legitimate end - let no  
one interfere, let no parliament be shown -  
let under proper instructions, let the order issued  
from the Cotton Bureau be the law of the <sup>Cotton</sup> Land -  
and invested with all the force and authority of  
Departmental Commander - With such power, and  
brains and nerve at its headship, the Cotton Bureau  
fulfil its mission, a blessing to the Govt -  
a scourge to the Speculator and disloyal -  
Yours, Black

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All when you get  
Parrish, and something  
ing, I hear you say,  
Black has to say -  
we read the same,  
never with - not  
even was the case  
unphatically in  
- I took the liberty  
in Hove to Major Bond,  
and return, he has been  
- but Smiths stuff -  
whether he would  
- however, he back in  
I hope so, I say  
by as I am exceedingly  
to Whitt - You must  
- opinion of my plan  
the interest of the  
in, Your friend  
Black



Adams Bottom Bureau  
 Champaign 12th Nov 1863

Friend

On my return from home on  
 Monday last, I found awaiting my mail  
 several of your interesting fairs - all the  
 papers etc. prompt attention and were  
 properly disposed of - At the request of  
 Genl Briggs, I had an interview with  
 him day before yesterday in relation to  
 the bagging question, he directed me  
 to select an agent and write my own  
 instructions, which he would approve -  
 I have the instructions written, but am  
 awaiting the arrival of Capt A D Smith,  
 to send as the agent, I am daily visiting  
 him and am in hopes I shall succeed  
 in getting these articles - We are still  
 at work in moving cotton, the weather  
 has been beautiful and the roads fine -  
 We have now at the Saline nearly, if  
 not quite, some 2,000 Bales - and if



Hope? with a continuance of present  
 weather it will not take us long to get  
 10,000 Bales to that ~~specification~~ I sent up  
 to. Had your Mr. & Smiths proposition  
 but have no answer. This morning, having  
 but little to do, and in order to simplify  
 matters, I suppressed a shipment of  
 Gout Cotton, say 100 Bales, to Brunswick,  
 and ~~made~~ out a regular invoice which  
 I sent to Genl. Bagg. With this you  
 will receive a copy to which I direct  
 your special attention - altho. not an  
 abstract of shipping Cotton from  
 R. & River to Brunswick, yet it is of  
 great importance for us to know what  
 we can do, and how far the Govt  
 interests can be served, by pursuing  
 such a course. It will also enable  
 us to be the better prepared in the  
 way of our prices, for in knowing what  
 buyers can do with our Cotton -

it establishes a price for <sup>them</sup> Cottons ~~which~~  
~~the~~ ~~which~~ ~~cannot~~ be gained -  
 under ~~more~~ & ~~more~~ ~~proportion~~ ~~we~~  
 can lay our Cottons down at Houston,  
 if we have navigation in the Sabine,  
 at a cost of 10¢ per pound from the  
 plantations on the River, to Houston -  
 And have them repacked and  
 consigned in the bargain - ~~making~~  
 all things into consideration this I regard  
 as the cheapest service which the Govt  
 has yet <sup>offered to be</sup> performed for it, in this  
 Department - our Cottons sold at  
 at Houston 30¢ - promising them all to  
 have cost originally 20¢ - which is not  
 the fact, for I presume the average  
 cost will not exceed 14¢ - If then  
 we can lay Cottons down at Houston  
 costing 30¢ - this should constitute  
 the Govt prices at Houston for this  
 article - are you not tired out  
 with my long rhapsodies?



I sometimes think when you get  
 a package for Courier, and another  
 will know nothing, I hear you say,  
 I wonder what Black has to say -  
 And after you have read the draft,  
 Conclude the sentence with a not  
 much - if such ever was the case  
 it will be so emphatically in  
 this instance - I took the liberty  
 of sending Mr. Collier here to Major Jones,  
 to go to Arkansas and return, he has been  
 offered position as Post Smiths Staff -  
 but did not know whether he would  
 accept, he will, however, be back in  
 some ten days - I hope Mr. J. Gray  
 will not drop one by as I am exceedingly  
 anxious to write to Orinell - You must  
 let me know your opinion of my plan  
 of making the Cotton interest of the  
 Department - Adieu, Your friend

Black



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Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely a ledger or account book. The text is organized into columns and rows, with some entries appearing to be dates or numerical values. The handwriting is dense and somewhat difficult to decipher due to the cursive style and the quality of the scan. The text is written on a piece of paper that is slightly aged and has some staining or discoloration.

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Hd your letter Bureau  
Greenport 28th Oct 1863

Dear Colonel

I had this pleasure yesterday,  
since which your letter of 24th inst was  
sent from Hd qrs this morning - I am glad  
I had heard I was led to believe that ~~Edgar~~  
Gray had accepted the position as Chf of the  
Texas Bureau, and that the days of your anxiety  
and misapprehension were numbered; and as ~~Major~~  
~~Williamson~~ & Capt Ducalette had been ordered  
to your station to investigate the doings of Major  
Hart, that you would be ordered to return to this  
place, this impression was the more strengthened  
from the fact of your humble servant not being  
clothed with any authority by which he could  
officially attend to the duties of your office in  
your absence. I feared to ~~lose~~ the confidence  
of your being ~~drawn~~ ~~there~~ Hd qrs to confer with  
the both Commanders in relation to the interests  
of the Govt and give you your orders as to the  
policy which ought to be carried out in that in-  
all these ~~important~~ ~~affairs~~, I was ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~  
the opinion of the Govt. your service was ~~not~~  
or gained where you are, in doing little or  
nothing, than here, where great things might be  
carried out, if sufficient authority could be

placed in your hands - To many minds the  
Course shown by H. G. might appear  
unaccountable, but to me, I must confess,  
it is but carrying out the do nothing & vacillating  
policy which, I fear, has had too much  
control in this Department, it is wonderful  
to see how few appear to feel the responsibility  
which has been devolved upon them by the  
Conf. Govt. There is a lack of earnestness  
and zeal which is sadly failing to meet  
our needs, our property, our lives, our homes  
and our liberties, are threatened, and almost  
at the mercy of a volunteer force, and yet  
as much unconcern is manifested as if  
peace and prosperity were abroad in the  
land - How can such a people achieve  
their independence, they feel not its want,  
for they are free to go as they please, and therefore  
have not its worth - I sometimes when  
I ponder my mind the difficult position  
upon this State of our Country and the  
prospects presented by this Department, my  
heart sinks within me - Don't think I  
wish to find fault with the powers that be,  
it is not the case, I would do all in my



power to strengthen them. Not one act -  
 ever so insignificant, to me - I have  
 in all of this war, fully used my means  
 and I would a challenge affecting only in  
 return a separation from those who would  
 not let us live in peace with them, I have  
 never sought, nor have I made, a dollar  
 out of the receipts of the Govt or the  
 misfortunes of the people - but was content  
 to abide the issue of the contest and let  
 the fortunes or the misfortunes attending the  
 country be mine - Looking then upon our  
 prospects, and what is being done to defeat  
 our foes and achieve our independence, have  
 I not cause to say, my heart sinks within  
 me - One bright spot, however, I observe, which  
 is encouraging to the patriotic American to which  
 you, called me, and that is the efficiency of  
 Captain Daniel B. Borge, I think I should  
 say, they were very many of them, and  
 Walter Cotton, and were ready to take up the  
 mantle of the fallen heroes, and the  
 motto they have collected together 150  
 effective troops & more soon and I think  
 100 more - during this time both have been  
 sick, and one of them, Borge, called off

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by the Chief I M, to some stores from  
Cannan, which he did, and the quite  
an interruption, he is here with his hands,  
and little ready to enter upon them. Matters  
of running the Hunt Cottages with the  
same great manifested in gathering together  
these large number of transpositions, from  
these success you will not suppose they  
were without their entertainments. They enter  
night & day - not only their hearts, but their  
pride, was involved in the issue and they  
determined to succeed, and succeed they  
will, some of their discouragements is to find  
no depots established on the line  
of their route for carrying their stock, although  
visited by them more than a month since,  
but still with no result. I think I ought  
you accomplished it for them, like the Officer  
to be going to collect the "Tay in Hand"  
for this state, their discourse is that they will  
be a great help to carry out the objects of the  
the has been assigned, but that the only way  
there, and that at this point, even out of the  
during, there of collecting in this way.



No 5-

Capt Parrot has directed the attention of  
 Genl Borge to the subject, indicating the  
 the points where deposits should be established,  
 and the Genl has ordered their establishment  
 to Major Head - Who, it is hoped, will  
 have it attended to without delay - If  
 weather will permit, these officers will  
 remove some 3 or 4000 Bales a month to the  
 Gabins, where they get fully under way, one  
 or two of them, will turn their attention to  
 the building of flat boats with the view  
 of being in readiness to make up the  
 the first water which can be arranged.

We may expect to find much of the  
 Genl Cotton which will require repairing,  
 of such character as will not be worth  
 to collect the dollars to do - in this case  
 begging for the necessary articles  
 articles difficult of purchase - We cannot  
 delay upon contracts made to furnish these  
 articles in time to meet our wants - Borge  
 tells me that a planter in Arkansas, Chief



County has some ten thousand yards  
 of the bagging, and iron ties enough  
 to run the same, which could be bought  
 at one dollar per yard, for bagging, & 50¢  
 per pound for the ties. There are as low  
 in price as we could expect, and I am  
 anxious to procure the entire lot of both,  
 but I have no money and no influence  
 at Lead gap - so I have deputed Bond  
 to represent the Ore to Gule Buggs -  
 showing the importance of the purchase  
 and that no time should be lost in doing so -  
 with B. & B. Loan the money which can  
 be diverted from their transportation, also  
 I would advise its use to the Antioch  
 and then the purchase made &  
 pay for the same. It is to be kept in  
 a secure place & preserved for use  
 with the dispatch, for if we do not  
 get these articles, I know not where to turn  
 for them - I judge from your last letter that  
 your powder has been exhausted and, therefore  
 longer willing to occupy position unprotected

These duties are required which you have  
not the power to execute, a continuance  
~~will~~ involve failure and the blame of it  
be laid to your charge - I can well  
appreciate your difficulties, and can only  
say, if you can, with self respect, let  
an outside influence free you from your  
position - you have duties you owe your  
country, as well as duties you owe yourself,  
neither are to be lightly considered, the  
position you occupy will, may has, and  
a host of the <sup>country</sup> enemies against you - but if God  
wills will sustain you - act out yourself  
and up to yourself - and you will be saved  
and put to shame your vituperators, your  
friends, and they are many - all sympathize  
with the difficulties which have been thrown  
in your way - but they think you are deposed  
to them all - If you persevere in your  
vocation, Davis & Birge, etc., will be  
in a position of it, as they do not wish to  
be exposed with the Cotton Bureau  
disgraced with yourself, and as to your



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him the servant, he shall feel that  
his "occupation" is gone - he has been  
of little, if any service, and therefore, the  
Gerrit can well dispense with him -

I have written you hurriedly, for  
if I have an idea, it flies fast and  
if unrecorded is lost to posterity, so  
in my hurry, my chirography may be  
unintelligible, I hope you may be ab-  
le to make it out, for I have not the  
time or inclination to copy -  
Since writing the above, about 25 wagons  
have passed the bridge, up Texas street,  
loaded with cotton - a beginning and  
in the right direction

Yours friend  
W. B. Black  
I was going to see the ~~intendant~~  
of the Customs and write him - but was  
too busy to communicate with him  
I feel it would be useful, and perhaps, in  
replying to my communication - Black



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Since writing the above, Bancroft has  
 made known an interview he had  
 with Genl Bagg on the subject of  
 purchasing boling materials, Genl B.  
 said he Bancroft could not make  
 any application, but that I could.  
 I immediately addressed a note to  
 H. d. gus. representing the importance  
 of the purchase and the urgency for  
 promptness - suggesting an agent  
 might be furnished to go, with  
 means to pay and power to employ  
 transportation, if it could not be  
 hired - I suppose action will be  
 had and probably the request be  
 granted - I shall have to  
 I suppose -

Yours  
 J. B. [Signature]

bill of exchange paid weight seven shillings

Marshall Jan 25 1864  
Capt H. C. Seelye  
1009

Regarding - Certificate of Capt. J. B. 1863  
colours in Hatched by Capt  
Claims of King etc.

Capt H. C. Seelye  
Jan 25 1864  
Capt Seelye

Frederic Aug. J. S. O

March 25th July 1865

Colonel

I should have written yesterday but was much occupied during the day and my eyes were too poor to write by the aid of tallow Candles - In reference to the amendment as an addition to the order required by Judge Gray, I think when you reflect that Capt. Vally long since notified all the holders of his Certificates, that if not exchanged with Major Willie by the 1st July they would be shut out, and that Capt. Baner & Hodge discontinued their purchases last October, and early in November most of their Certificates were recorded in your Office, and issued to the respective parties, giving ample time to make the exchange with Major Willie, that ~~there~~ really no necessity for it - Baner & Hodge's purchases were to a very limited amount as they had no unfinished purchases to ~~record~~ ~~later~~ than October, should any doubt to them be cut out of their right to export, it would be their fault -

I would not advise the delivery of the ~~Statute~~ Cotton to Major Nugent - for two reasons - 1st They are Treasury Cottons and are pledged in Europe, and if possible to save them it should be done - and not used unless in cases of emergency such as I proposed to save the blockade North - 2nd Mr Miller had on hand over 900 bales of Abs<sup>a</sup>, & imported 500 more - if there



are not enough to pay the debts below,  
 My request should call on Genl Brinkley,  
 who I am informed has charge of the Cotton  
 in this District, to provide it for him - What  
 shall be done when the few Texas Cottons are  
 exhausted?

I am not sufficiently particular in  
 regard to the Genl's indebtedness to King & Co.,  
 but if I understood you aright never supposed  
 that 3,500 bales of Cotton would not furnish more  
 than pay half of their claim, which I learn  
 from Mr Haley's letter, I may not have  
 ascertained you up to the amount, If you will  
 inform me, as to all your merits, and what  
 they require to pay for Cotton in substitution in  
 Eastern Texas, I shall be able to give you  
 an opinion. The same difficulty will  
 be found to King & Co. ~~their~~ claim exists  
 and the Merit of Judge Gray & he informed  
 me that he had written you on the

Subject  
 1009  
 Regarding - Certificate of Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 1861  
 Cotton in substitution of  
 claims of King & Co.

Respectfully  
 W. C. Black  
 Capt & Chief

Marshall, Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Capt W. C. Black J. G.

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Relation to Contract King Ho

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Treasury Agency  
Oregon Supply Bureau  
Marshall 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1865

Col W. A. Broadwell  
Chief Cotton Bureau

Shreveport La,

Colonel,

I have examined thoroughly the King & Co contract, but have failed to see the great advantages to be derived from it by the Government,

I am anxious that our creditors should be paid, and as far as I can, will do it; but I cannot consent to placing in the hands of any of them, for that purpose, the resources of the country, and in addition to the payment of these debts, give them the other half for the labor of removing the whole, when I can do it on much better terms, and still preserve the faith of the Govt. All Govt' debt for Govt' accounts, must be ship'd by this Agency, if ship'd at all, and the proceeds must be sent under the law authorizing it. This I shall claim as the right of my office. The payment for cotton destroyed at Salina (I suppose as a Military necessity), should not be made to the exclusion of other similar claims, of which the law is full, King & Co, as patriotic citizens, should not demand it, and if they did, the



Treasury Agency  
Store & Supply Bureau  
Marshall 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1865

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Chief Cotton Bureau

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the C. Bureau, certainly has not the power to grant it. The advance of \$50,000 at Matamoros to purchase supplies under Mr Perkins, for which King<sup>rs</sup> are to get 25% as their profit, in addition to the profit on the articles in the Matamoros <sup>markets</sup>, certainly does not carry the impression that their object was to help the Confederacy in her struggle, as much as themselves, especially does this appear, when it is borne in mind they were to be paid the proceeds in Lutton, which they agreed to ship for the Govt., one half for the other.

These are some of the points, Colonel, which induce me to believe that these gentlemen have driven a hard bargain with you, one looking to self more than the Government, a few more such, with the fortunes of Texas pledged, and Genl Smith would have to disband his Army.

I am unable to learn from the Contract how much was advanced under the 10<sup>th</sup> section, or if any, as this is merely contingent, requiring the consent of Messrs. Kennedy & Stillman, which does not appear.

Yours Respectfully  
W. B. Black  
Capt & Chief  
J. D. C. & A.

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re-shall. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1864

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Capt M. C. Black

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Asking the transfer of  
J. C. Switchell & Perry  
Agent.



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Treasury Agency  
Marshall, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col W A Broadwell  
Colonel

It is the intention to place  
Marshall at once under the "Amended Regulations".  
The first to be done is the appointment of Sub-  
Agents, for San Antonio & El Paso - If you will  
order Capt J C Driskill & Mr Perry urgent to  
report to this Agency - I will accompany you  
now, with an appointment, I am anxious to have  
the services of these gentlemen, and any assistance  
you give in furtherance thereof, will be thankfully  
received -

I am Colonel

Respectfully

Wm. C. Black

W C Black

Capt & Agent

acting in Treasury Agency.

My best respects to Mrs S & the Capt. - also to Sherman.  
I should like you to act at once in reference to Driskill  
& Perry, as others are seeking the positions, who are  
unknown to me - B

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Marshall Islands

26<sup>th</sup> Nov 1841

Capt. W. C. Black

Private Letter.

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Dear General

I find with my papers, letters  
which should be on file in your office,  
amongst them one directed to Amos  
H. Watson - which you would like to  
retain yourself - I hope to be able to visit  
you before long - I am doing all I can  
to start the machine, and then, if able  
to keep it well greased, I think it  
will run smoothly - but expects to show

Yours truly

W. H. Black

Manhattan Nov 23rd 1864



Marshall 31st Dec.

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W. B. Black,

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Dispatch.

Arkansas State Telegraph Company.

Oct. 31 1864  
By Telegraph from Marshall 31 1864  
To Lt. Hardie  
Cotton Bur.

Send me by courier  
Col. Baines letter.

Or C. Blum  
Capt. B. C.

7 col 5<sup>th</sup>

Shenandoah 25 inch 175

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Dan & Strong

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Proposal for purchase of  
Moon & Buckles Feet  
Boats.

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Shreveport March 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mr Rippley

Sir

We have learned that Messrs Moore & Smoak wishes to dispose of three flat boats, now laying in the Sabine river at Pulasky.

We respectfully propose to purchase the above boats at the rate of five thousand dollars for each one of them, all complete including lines.

Hoping to receive a timely answer from you. We are Sir with much respects,

Your O<sup>b</sup>t Servt

Baer & Straus.

Shreveport Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1864  
H. B. 1894

L. C. Butler  
Papier's engraving

Wants permission to export  
cotton goods with to parts  
for supplies necessary for  
his Telegraph line

Also asks that Acts of  
Comp be compensated  
for wages and but main  
cable (enclosures) lost in  
service of the Govt

Hd to J. M. Dept  
Shreveport La Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully referred to  
Lt Col L. V. O'Bannon  
Chief of Mr for his  
endorsement

By command of J. M. Smith

E. Cunningham

Shreveport La Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

Office Chief of Mr. O'Bannon  
Trans Miss Dept  
Shreveport La  
Feb 21, 1864

Respectfully returned  
with the remark that I  
cannot entertain the claims  
of this Company as a set off  
against Amts of money advanced  
and terms remain the Company  
by the Govt. There is not a  
shadow of right known to  
this office that will justify  
the making of such claims

L. H. O'Bannon

Local Chief of Mr  
J. M. D

Hd to J. M. Dept  
Shreveport La Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Respy referred to Mr L. C.  
Waker whose attention is  
called to the endorsement  
of Lt Col O'Bannon

By command of J. M. Smith

E. Cunningham

Shreveport La Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Shreveport Feb'y 19<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Genl.

I respectfully represent that the Telegraph line now in my charge, from Camden Arkansas to Jefferson & Crockett Texas, is in need of Nitric & Sulphuric Acids, Sulphate of Copper, Zinc, Platina, Sheet Copper, Stationery & other Telegraphic Supplies. that cannot be bought in this country - That these things are absolutely necessary to keep our lines working, & that we must have them very soon.

Under these circumstances, I ask permission to export from either the country of Drew, of Chicot, or of Decha Arkansas, say fifty bales of Cotton, for the purpose of securing from abroad these articles. I desire to bring in at once sufficient supplies to last the entire line, for at least two years. This amount of supplies and the expenses of bringing it in, will probably cost me more than the amount of Cotton asked for will bring - but I can probably make arrangements, - to secure



what I need, without the exportation of a  
larger amount of Cotton.

I ask in addition,  
a passport to send one man, an operator  
in my employ & on whom I can depend,  
for these supplies.

If you will grant me  
the necessary papers, at once sent for this  
purpose, I can I think have my supplies  
here within a month or six weeks -  
& we have not much more than  
supplies to last that long.

I am sent

Your Obedt Servant

L. C. Baker

Sup'ts Telegraph

Lt. Genl E. K. Smith

Commandg, I M Dept

Adlrs

Shreveport

Holmesville 17<sup>th</sup> March 1863

W. J. R. Baker

Proposition to purchase  
Sugar.

any order for the sugar must be held

Office Chief Quartermaster,  
DISTRICT WESTERN LOUISIANA.

Mr. L. M. Payne.

Holmesville - La -

27 March 1863

Sir - I am authorized to purchase  
for the Command of this Holms a  
supply of sugar, molasses & understand  
that you are willing to sell your <sup>crops</sup> <sup>its</sup> <sup>crops</sup> to the Govt at \$25-<sup>per</sup> Bbl for molasses.  
& 15-<sup>c</sup> per lb for the sugar and  
that you estimate the quantity of  
Molasses at 1500 to 2000 Bbls and  
the sugar at 700 to 800 Hds -  
- I am willing to take it - on the  
terms above stated - the crops to become  
the property of the Govt as soon as  
you receive this letter - I will call  
within a reasonable time & pay you for it -  
and will thank you - If possible to purchase  
for me the requisite number of Bbls the cost  
of which I will return you promptly -

Please address  
at New Iberia

Respectfully  
W. J. Baker  
Major & Gov. agent



P.S. I have made an arrangement with  
Lt Col Broadwell by which he has  
turned over to me. Sugar and  
Molasses at Shrewsbury in lieu  
of your crop. I will deposit with  
Maj. Philips. £5. at this party.  
Noway to pay you and <sup>have</sup> given him  
an order for the sugar & molasses  
you will therefore please hold  
the same subject to his order

W. J. L. Baker  
Major of C.S.A.

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Morice - 16<sup>th</sup> July 1864.

W. J. Q. Baker

Pro<sup>+</sup> Ray -  
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In regard to cotton East of  
the Quachita.

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Monroe - 16<sup>th</sup> July 1864.

W. J. Q. Baker

Pro<sup>r</sup> Ray -  
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In regard to cotton East of  
the Ouachita.



Dear Sir

Memphis Feb 16 1864

The undersigned, also residents of Louisiana, seeing the difficulty in the way of the Government in getting the amount of cotton required, deem it our duty to the people and the Government, to inform you of the true condition of affairs. Most of the planters in this section of the State sold a portion of their cotton to the Government last year. This they were induced to do, upon the suggestion that if the Government owned cotton, it would be the basis of a credit abroad. The cotton now in their hands, is what they retained or have grown since. The demand on this section of the country has been very great, inasmuch, that what cotton is left, is looked upon, as the only thing to fall back on at the close of this contest. When therefore, Maj. Buckner, announced it to be the policy of the Government to purchase or impress four fifths of the cotton, it was universally condemned, and a determination formed to resist the impressment by all legal means. The recent order to burn the cotton South of the Tennesse and east of the Tennessee, has only produced the effect of rendering the people desperate. They say they had rather it should burn, than the Government should impress it. Already the work

of destruction has commenced - Parties are hauling  
their seed cotton to their fields, and scattering it  
for manure - Under these circumstances, we make  
no apology for troubling you with the following  
suggestion - We believe that the cotton can  
be purchased from the planters by offering to pay  
a fair equivalent in the same currency which the  
government gets, the amount to be paid to be left to the  
sound discretion of known and responsible agents -  
or, to allow foreign parties to purchase the cotton, and  
levy an export duty on it in their hands -

We estimate the quantity remaining unsold on  
the Quachita and its tributaries at from 50 to 75,000  
bales -

The bearer of this Mr. Dr. L. S. Burne, is  
a merchant of this place, extensively acquainted, in  
the Quachita Valley, a business man, and a man  
of energy and integrity, and fully qualified  
to carry out any plan that may be  
adopted

Very Respectfully,

G. C. C. McRae  
Chf. of Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport, La

W. J. Z. Baker

Monroe  
La

Monroe La Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1863

W J D Baker 187

to  
L C C W A Broadwell

Proposing to go into a cotton  
arrangement in purchasing  
with funds furnished by Col B.

Answered  
by Capt Black - declining the  
proposition

W J D Baker letter



Monroe La Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sir,

There is considerable cotton in this section, which might be purchased and held until the war is ended.

I have not the means to engage in it to any considerable extent.

Knowing that you command German and funds to any extent I propose to engage with you in the purchase either as agent or any terms you may consider fair.

Being well acquainted with all this section of Louisiana I think I could invest in a way that will eventually prove profitable.

Should you desire my services you may send your instructions or funds by the bearer W. H. Gayer our Parish Treasurer a safe and reliable gentleman.

Very Respectfully

St. Col. W. A. Broadwell } W. J. 2 Baker  
Shreveport

La B look over for answer  
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Answer to W J L Baker }  
of Monroe La }

Ad gen Cotton Bureau  
Ghrougat 1st Oct 1863

W J L Baker Esq  
Monroe  
La

In the absence of Coln B. and being  
his representative, I take it upon myself to say,  
in answer to your favor of 19th inst that Coln B is  
in Govt service and in performance of duties  
claiming all his time and attention, as such he has  
no inducements to offer you to engage in Cotton buying,  
and his private interests, are only those which subserve  
the public good —

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc  
W C Black

~~Agent for the Bureau~~

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Sept 2nd 186  
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George Ball  
Houston

rec. Sept 9/63

Giving his views in regard  
to the establishment of a  
Cotton Bureau in Texas.



Houston. Sept 2nd 1863

Col:

Your letter of 24th ult. was duly received, intimating that the Lt Genl Commanding, may establish a Bureau in this State, to regulate and manage the Cotton business, and that my views on the subject would have an influence, and requesting me to inform you how the Cotton interest is administered in Texas, also, as to my inclination to accept an appointment from Lt Genl Smith, to control an article upon which the Confederate Armies in this Department are so dependent.

In the absence of any official information in regard to the extent the Confederate States contemplate the use of Cotton in their finances in this Department, my views I may have must, necessarily be general.

To use any part of the Crop, and for the Government to receive an honest and prompt benefit, it seems to me to be indispensable, that the whole control should be in one person, and no order allowed except by him, or on his recommendation, through the Lt General Commanding.

and all Subordinate Officers. Should be made to know that no interference will be allowed.

The Cotton Bureau should Control all the operations in that article, and from which, all orders and instructions should emanate. Subject only, to the highest Authority in the Trans-Miss Dept.

It is generally admitted that no system has been established. Since the Government Agents have been in this State purchasing Cotton, Agents for the War, and for the Treasury Department, are each separate and independent of each other, and they have their sub-agents, or persons representing themselves as such, in all parts of the State, all bidding against each other in purchasing, as well as in engaging transportation. In addition to this a large number of persons holding Contracts, with Cotton permits, and the privilege of using Conscripts, also come in competition with the Government, and with the constant change of orders, emanating from Commanders of Districts and Posts, and subordinate officers interfering with transportation. has placed the entire interest in great confusion, and I fear, nearly ruined all benefits expected to be derived by the Government. With a few honorable

exceptions, this business has fallen into the hands of persons wholly ignorant of the qualities of cotton, or have they any experience in the handling or management of the article. So much is this the case, it is well understood, that all the low grades fall into the hands of government agents, and the higher grades are reserved, or sold to persons that can appreciate the difference in quality.

As to my inclination to accept an appointment by the Lt Genl Smith, I beg to assure you that I appreciate the honor intended, but with present engagements, and the belief that I could not fill the requirements of the service, with satisfaction to the Genl Commanding, or to myself, I must decline.

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant  
George Ball

W. H. A. Broadwell }  
Lt Col & Chief }  
of Cotton Bureau }  
Shreveport }  
La }



Memorandum 8th July 1844

John S. Baird

Asking Employment

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the above subject. I am sorry to hear that you are not at present employed, and I am sure that your services would be of great value to the cause of the oppressed. I have no objection to your calling on me at any time, and I will be glad to hear from you again. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
John S. Baird

London 8th July 1794

John D. Baird

Asking Enquiries

Trenton La July 8 1841

Shenandoah La Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 21<sup>st</sup> has been received, and I am under obligations for your promptness in replying to my letter. I am informed by Major Dr. A. Buckner Cotton Agent in Monroe that he does not expect to remain in discharge of the duties in that branch of the Government. Now if he resigns or gives up that office and another Agent is wanted for Monroe, may I be permitted to solicit your kind exertions in my behalf for the appointment to that agency? If a Bond is required I can furnish one that will be entirely satisfactory - by undoubted names in this vicinity. It occurs to me that there is considerable business connected with the agency in this neighborhood requiring energetic attention which cannot but be exceedingly well.

Respectfully  
J. T. Hard



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Institution La 20 to 25

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Asking Expenses

in Cotton Bunches

Wepb.

Am 20 to 25

Mr. Black Book 3 Trenton La June 27 1864

Thompson Dear Sir I am liable to military service under the last call. Taking all men up to 50 years of age. I did not go before the examining surgeon, and am discharged on the grounds of my inability - being subject to extremely severe attacks of neuralgia - because I could not furnish such evidence of my affliction as was required by the law. I am now in Virginia.

I do not wish to join the reserve Corps. as I am unable to do even such duty as may be required of them. I am informed that some important changes have been made lately in the Cotton Bureau and it occurs to me that I might get a detail for duty in that department.

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether or not there is any place open in Shreveport?

And much of age  
Yours Very Truly  
Jas L. Parke

P.S. I have some good Blank Books and a Blank Letter Book to dispose of. Are they wanted in the Cotton Bureau?

Trenton 14<sup>th</sup> May 1864

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Jas I. Baird

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Referring to the exchange  
of Cotton for Supplies

Ans. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1864



Stanton La May 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col A Broadwell

Chief of Cotton Bureau

Thompson La.

Dear Sir

If there is no change, since I saw you in March, in your views with regard to exchanging Cotton for Supplies, an arrangement can be made, for such exchange, deliveries to be at Trinity on Black River Catahoula Parish. At the time named you were willing to contract upon the following terms viz - The Cotton to be furnished at 25<sup>¢</sup> per pound for goods at Invoice cost with 40% added for N. O. purchases and 60% for N. Y. or Western purchases. I have named <sup>Trinity</sup> as the Depot of exchange because it is the most accessible point all things considered. I have a list of goods &c which are wanted and have given a copy to a party who is now in N. O. to ascertain if they can be had in that market. Would be pleased if you would name which are most important and required first. They will be delivered at the place named Trinity and Cotton received in exchange therefor provided the Confederate authorities will agree that neither the goods or Cotton shall be molested by any one acting under Confederate authority while such goods and Cotton are in transit between the Black and the Mississippi Rivers. To secure this it will be necessary to have instructions given from proper parties to the Military on duty in that region. It is important

that some points of Caution be observed in  
connection with this transaction. The Cotton  
must come from or through, and the goods must  
be received by a private Citizen. and the C. J.  
must not be known to have anything to do with  
the affair in any way shape or form. The roads  
are in excellent condition. You have an ample  
number of Wagons and teams to haul the Cotton  
to Trinity <sup>to load with goods returning</sup>. And if anything is to be done it should  
be commenced at the very earliest day. The party  
with whom I am negotiating will be prepared  
to go to the extent of \$10,000. Sales or will make  
the arrangement for any less number. I trust  
you will agree to make the Contract upon the  
terms named above. and that there will be no  
higher price put upon the Cotton as I must  
say that the blackmail levied by federal  
officials is so enormous parties willing  
to furnish the goods cannot afford to pay  
higher for the Cotton. As it will be necessary  
for me to be at Trinity on the 30th inst to meet  
the party near there on the east side of Black  
River I am under the necessity of asking  
you to procure, and forward me when you  
write, a pass from Genl Smith's Head Quarters  
to go there.

Very Respectfully  
J. A. Gard

B. 163  
L. 1192  
Galveston Texas July 22 1863

Fred Barnard  
Attorney at Law

Relative to fraud practiced  
by Government Contractors  
in disposing of Government  
Cotton at Brownsville, Texas

Hd 2d Dep Treasury  
Washington Aug  
29/63

Rispy uprd to Secy Treasury  
Chief of Est. Bureau  
By order of Secy  
Wm B. Ewing  
By order of Secy  
John C. Spencer  
John C. Spencer

Received of Secy Treas. T. M. August 1st 1863



London June 8. 1844

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. in relation to the proposed publication of a new edition of the "Principles of Political Economy" by Mr. John Stuart Mill. I am very glad to hear that you are interested in this work, and I am sure that it will be a valuable addition to the literature of the subject.

I have been thinking much of late about the state of the country, and the progress of the various branches of industry and commerce. It seems to me that we are in a period of great activity and enterprise, and that the future of the country is bright and promising.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours truly,  
 J. R. M.







Handwritten text, likely a letter or journal entry, covering the upper half of the page. The script is cursive and somewhat faded.

Yours truly,  
J. C. [illegible]

Handwritten text, likely a list or ledger entry, covering the lower half of the page. It appears to be organized in columns.

25th Sept 1864  
gr. W. H. Barney

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Application for  
medical Supplies by  
the use of Cotton  
permit from Genl  
Fagan.

Respectfully repeated,  
Doctor Barry is one of the  
gentlemen who are operating  
under orders originally from  
Genl Hagan. I have not seen  
his papers he left them  
in Monticello. He in-  
forms me that he is now  
acting under Genl Mc-  
Gruder's orders. He had  
some good cotton which  
I have taken from him  
& accepted for, informing  
him that I would  
supply the cotton to  
pay for all supplies  
properly purchased.

My acquaintance with  
Doctor Barry is very slight  
I believe he enjoys a good  
social position at  
Monticello where he usually  
he has acquainted himself  
with the people here who  
are engaged in smuggling.  
His letter speaks for himself  
as a business man.

Wm Polk Capt & agt  
in Cotton Bureau  
Sutark



Lake Jefferson  
Ark River Sept 23/64

George L.

In compliance with your request I would  
state that owing to the great necessity for medical  
supplies Gen Fagan, as he informed me, obtained  
authority of Gen Smith to appoint a special  
agent or purveyor to exchange cotton for medicines  
for the sick, Sub, Dist. Ark. He solicited me  
to undertake it which I did. I have been un-  
able to purchase medicines except in small quan-  
tities, owing to the stringent restriction thrown  
around the trade by the Federal authorities.  
I have endeavored to acquaint myself thoroughly  
with parties, in the trade, and have contracts  
and arrangements by which I can procure large  
quantities of medical supplies as soon as the  
restriction on trade is modified. I have in  
detail only (Lieut S. S. Gause) one man.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servant  
Wm H Barry

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H C Bartlett.

Making inquiries of  
Mr. Baldwin, Haynes  
Dowling & Co—  
Mechanics & Traders  
Bank etc—

Col. W. A. Rowdwell

I requested Cap. W. W. Farmer  
on his way to Texas the other  
day to make some enquiry  
for J. Baldwin his whereabouts  
& C of whom he informed me  
by letter also that you were  
posted in Shreveport with a  
large Business in Charge I  
should be much pleased  
(if you have time) to receive  
a few lines <sup>from you</sup> where is Mr.  
Dameron Mr. Wagner other...

The Mercantile & Traders Bank  
is it in existence has it a  
plain or being if you must  
write Mr. Baldwin tell him that  
I replied his note for better  
times I am on my old place  
20 miles above Monroe my  
children all left for Texas  
all the Negroes of course so we  
my Wife & I are happy house



We have no papers on mail  
farther than Monroe it is our  
use now to speak of the  
times as now is or that may  
come but work on and hope  
there is Government cotton of  
the Bank at any down hauled  
in for shipment but now  
left as yet most of it in  
bad order and getting worse  
I will not trouble you now

Yours Truly

W. C. Bartlett

4 March 1864

Mr B is at Liberty & proposed  
sent him to pay the debt, and  
that may be in shape, they  
send to him

Statement of Cotton  
Claimed by H<sup>m</sup> Barnett  
Received by

Wm Woodward,  
at  
Eagle Pass Texas

Statement of Cotton received at Eagle Pass Tex. by A. A. Woodward  
 Agt of the Quartermaster's Dept for Major C. B. Russell D. M. C. S. A.

Mark	Bales	By Whom Received	Weight	Specie		C. S. Notes	
				Doll.	Cts.	Doll.	Cts.
O/E	7	J. Norvot	3189	191	32	287	28
"	6	Chas. Ogwood	2675	160	50	221	60
"	4	E. Francke	1907	114	42	171	63
"	3	J. H. Kelsey	1471	88	26	132	39
"	6	W. Green	2842	170	52	255	78
"	4	C. Willemier	3002	120	12	180	18
"	4	J. Scheritz	1794	107	64	161	46
"	4	J. Drier	1874	112	44	168	66
EXP	4	J. E. Shanks	2098	157	35	220	29
"	4	Wm. Erith	1961	147	07	205	90
"	2	W. H. Bacon	858	51	48	77	22

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 \$1536 49 \$2082 39

E. A. C. & C.  
 Monterey Mexico  
 April 5th 1864

A. A. Woodward  
 Agt Q. M. Dept

(Signed)



Camden Ark 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 1864

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Geo M. Bap

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Introducing Mr M<sup>c</sup>  
Donnell

Shrewsbury  
Mr M<sup>c</sup>Donnell  
See

For W. A. Bradwell

attended

Camden Ark,  
April 6 1864

Col Wm Broadwell

Sir

I introduce to you Mr Mc  
Donnell a member of a Banking House in  
Montreal. He brings a letter of introduction  
to me from a friend in whom I have con-  
fidence from this & my short acquaintance  
with Mr McD. I am satisfied that he is  
a gentleman entitled to respect & con-  
fidence & that the House which he repre-  
sents is of the highest respectability & credit.

The object of his visit to this country  
is to operate in cotton, if he finds that  
it can be safely done & with the sanction  
of the Govt. For this purpose he wishes  
to confer with you.

I ask for him your polite attention  
& should you enter into any negotiations  
that he be put upon as good a footing  
as any other parties.

With much respect

I am very truly yours  
J Wm Bush

Shreveport. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1864

Jno & M. B. B.

Introducing Mr Saml  
D. Thompson

~~copy~~ referred to my Robinson



15  
Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

March 4 1864

Col Broadwell

Dr Sir

This will introduce  
to you Mr Samuel D Tompkins, who was  
at the beginning of the war a member of one  
of the largest wholesale dry goods establishments  
of Louisville - He gave up this lucrative  
business & came south where he has been  
ever since without engaging in any business  
or speculation. Mr T proposes unusual  
facilities for <sup>the</sup> purchase of goods such as the  
Gov't may require. Through his late  
house & its commission, in N York - you  
are aware of his perfect knowledge of the business  
~~of the quality of goods~~ having been engaged  
in it most of his life.

Having known Mr T for a good  
many years I can vouch for his rep-  
utation & strict integrity & have no  
hesitation in stating that he will  
promptly comply with any contract  
he may make with the Government  
or any other party

Very respectfully  
Jno M Bay

Camden Ark 1864.

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Jno. N. Bop

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Declining the propositions  
of Col Broadwell. in regard  
the financial affairs.

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Camden

March 13/64

Dr Sir

I have received your very kind letter of 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. I assure you that you appreciate greatly beyond their merits, any abilities of mine for the arduous service you suggest & that I feel wholly unequal to the task. This would be a sufficient reason for declining it.

Were it for no other reason I may plead that I have been so long out of the working harness that I am by no means sure that I could now resume it. I am also admonished that the last few years have somewhat increased an acute malady, to whose occasional visitations I am subject.

Under these circumstances, justice to myself but more justice to the country, requires me to decline what has been prompted by a too partial estimate of my qualifications. I am very confident that in your hands the service will be performed faithfully & with much more ~~ability~~ - I am very truly  
Yr obt. Servt  
J. M. Bass

Wm A Broadwell  
Sheriff.

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*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

1st July 1863.

orders from Col. A  
W Bosworth to take  
possession of certain  
property.



Hd Qrs Post, Brashear City. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1863.

1<sup>st</sup> Col W. A. Broadwell.

Sir:

You will proceed to the front with Capt Hamilton's Cavalry company and obtain sufficient negroes to complete the fortifications here, also the requisite transportation. If any negroes or other property are found upon the so called "Union Gov<sup>t</sup> plantation", you will send all such property to the Post Qr Master at New Iberia, leaving the more able bodied with the engineers at this place for work on the defences. All negroes not required for Govt<sup>t</sup> service will be sent forward to the plantations from which they came originally. This property sent forward from here will be placed at the disposal of Maj. Henry St. Paul, who will take what may be required for public service at his post, and dispose of the remainder as may be directed by the Commandy Genl.

W. A. Pasmore  
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Depository



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Shreveport 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 1863  
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H. J. G. Battle. C.S. Rep.

Giving his views to the  
St. Louis. Am. & Trans. Chgo. Dep.  
as to the best mode of  
collecting the Conf<sup>d</sup> States  
tax in La. Ark. & Texas.

Shreveport, Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

St. Sen. E. Wiley Smith,

Sir:

In compliance with your request verbally made to me on the 28<sup>th</sup> instant that I communicate, in writing, my views of the most practicable mode of collecting the Confederate taxes due in the Trans-Mississippi Department, I respectfully submit, in concise terms:

1. That the Governors of the States of Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas be requested to authorize and require the several Sheriffs throughout their respective States—who are exempted, by law, from military duty—to enter into proper bond and security to the Confederate Government; and proceed, at once, to the assessment and collection of the taxes.

2. That the compensation to the Sheriffs be regulated by the Confederate tax law.

3. That the Governors of the said States furnish to the Sheriffs, at the expense of the Confederate Government, printed schedules exhibiting the objects of taxation and the tax imposed on each object.

4. That the said Sheriffs be required to make (under penalty for refusal or neglect) returns on the first Monday of the months of November and December 1863, and January and February 1864, as follows, to wit: For the State of Louisiana, to the C. S. Depository at New Orleans; for the State of Texas, to the C. S. Depository at Houston; for the State of Arkansas, to the C. S. Depository at Little Rock. Should either of the above places be in possession of the money at the dates designated, then, the returns to be made to the Depository nearest the Collector, even though such Depository may be in a State other than that in which the tax may have been collected.

The foregoing plan commends itself to my judgment on these leading grounds: You are provided, by means of Couriers, with speedy communication with the Governors named; the collectors - I presuppose honest and capable - are already chosen; - a fact which precludes the trouble and delay consequent upon a search for suitable persons to discharge the duties; and finally, for the simplicity and expedition it seems to me it will procure.



If not deemed obtrusive, I would suggest that money could be obtained by issuing certificates for Confederate bonds at 8 p.c. if you have been vested with <sup>such</sup> authority by the Government at Richmond, <sup>as</sup> to satisfy the public that it would be secure in making the loan.

With much respect  
Yrs. Obedt. Servt.  
J. L. Datto

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Memphis May 5th 1864

H. J. B. Battle  
C. S. Deputy

Receipt for General  
Cunning & Sterling Exchange  
deposited with him to the  
Credit of the Treasury Department,  
Subject to the Control of the  
Commanding General —  
Memphis 12<sup>th</sup> May 1864  
General.

Please give a  
check in favor of Mr  
A. R. McDonald for the  
money deposited with  
H. J. Battle, as witnessed  
by this receipt, the  
Gov Balus of Lection  
which was paid him  
was stated before his  
arrival — \$5000 of  
the money was turned  
over to Genl Nelson,

W. A. Brounwell  
L. L. Col

Shrewsbury May 5th 1864

Received from Lt Col W A Broadwell,  
Twenty thousand Dollars in Federal Currency,  
also AR McDonald Esq Eight bills of exchange,  
on Baring Bros & Co, for One thousand pounds  
Sterling, <sup>each</sup> & his bills on same for Eleven hundred  
Sixty pounds, one Shilling & three pence Sterling,  
to the Credit of the Treasury Department, Confederate  
States, Subject to the order of the Genl Commanding  
J. G. Patton  
Depository

\$20,000.00 Federal Currency  
£ 9,160.1.3 Sterling Exchange



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B. 111

New Charleston a Capital of the State

August 15<sup>th</sup> 1864 -

C. H. Kendall Esq. Richmond Texas

I have your receipt for portion of Cotton under date of April 29<sup>th</sup> for 130 Bales Cotton. Classified as follows: viz - Low Middling - 34 Bales = 17.598<sup>5</sup>  
Good Ordinary - 30 " = 24.722<sup>0</sup>  
Middling - 46 " = 21.856<sup>0</sup>  
Total - 110 Bales = 64.176<sup>5</sup>

I also have Judge Phillips order for load for Mr. Wilders train, which with Wilders receipt for the same I herewith endorse and here present the classification and weights - viz - Middling - 35 Bales = 16.145<sup>0</sup>  
- Good Ordinary - 15 " = 7.478<sup>0</sup>  
Total - 50 " = 23.623<sup>0</sup>

You may note that Wilders receipt is for 62 Bales - 12 of them were included in your receipt & were not taken away by Pickens train - so the transaction stands - Low Middling - 34 Bales = 17.591<sup>0</sup>  
Good Ordinary - 65 " = 32.210<sup>0</sup>  
Middling - 81 " = 38.001<sup>0</sup>  
Total - 180 " = 87.802<sup>0</sup>

I have sold the equivalent of this to Signor Drums Lorenzo Elzondo, with all the rights and privileges that I received from you



as the States agent - His train is now loading  
with 120 Bales of the Cotton said will in  
a few days call for the Balance 60 Bales,  
and that he may not be delayed I send  
over for the papers necessary to enable him  
to carry the cotton forward in the terms  
of my sale to you - He would like  
to have the papers for two lots - one  
for 120 Bales and the other for  
60 Bales and your immediate attention  
and sending by return of Mr McFarlane  
(who will send you this) such document  
as will satisfy the Agent of the  
lot of train and in consequence will render  
obliged yours Respy

O. D. Patterson.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a ledger or account book, with some numbers and words visible.]*



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Rio Grande City  
18th Sept 1844.

W. P. Bangham

2253.

His views in regard to  
the Cotton Trade on  
the Frontier—

file at Shreveport

Rio Grande City Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Col W. A. Broadwell.

Mt. Amaras.

Dear Sir.

I arrived here late last evening, and have spent the day looking around to see how business was conducted in this place. After a day's observation I am forced to the conclusion that I am not the officer for this position, unless a few wholesome restrictions can be brought to bear on the present plans of doing business in this river.

I feel disposed to do all I can for the interest and success of my Government, but am unwilling to be a party to tax and enforce any law that does not bear equal on all interested.

I see no justice in forcing the honest & patriotic planter of the state to give up one half of their Cotton for the use and benefit of the Government and the sharpers & speculators be allowed by quacks and false representations to get their Cotton through under the state plans and other subterfuges, without complying with the orders adopted by your Bureau for the regulating the over-land trade with Mexico.

No State Cotton should pass without farther orders if you were not below. and I hope you will return

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this way soon, that I may be fully posted as  
to my line of duty, and properly installed with  
plenty of money to pay freight &c. I wish no  
responsibility and hope you will instruct Col  
Perkins fully in this point.

If a check cannot be  
placed over the State Custom-house officials,  
I shall ask to be relieved, & retire to private life.

Very Truly Yours obt Servt

Wm P. Bangs



Copy

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Des Grande City March 20. 1865

Maj W. O. English  
Major Genl Union

Copy

Agency Cotton Bureau  
San Francisco City Tex  
March 30 1865

Cal W M Perkins

Matamoros Mex

Sir

Capt. Callahan appears  
here this morning, with orders to seize the Boat  
Cotton, and had a lot that I had on the landing and  
in the ferry boat stopped. I have requested of him copies  
of the orders, and shall protest against such proceedings.

He will not allow through, however, or any  
Boat Cotton to Cross the river until he gets the 25 Bales.

I understand the object and aim of this  
seizure is to raise money to pay the Officers of this Command.

If this is allowed, then I want my pay, as  
I have not drawn anything from the Govt for my services for  
16 months and think I have done as much as any officer  
on this line, for my Government.

Please mail the enclosed letters charging  
postages to my care.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

(signed)

W. J. Baugh

Maj. 2. Mex. Art. Co. B. Co.

Rio Grande City  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1864

W. P. Baughman

2213

In regard to affairs  
on the Rio Grande

John

J

It is not necessary  
to be in good luck  
Q



Rev Grand Jury Sept 30<sup>th</sup> /64

Col Broadwell

Dear Sir

The express is in <sup>from</sup> below  
bringing you quite a batch of letters -  
It is 12 o'clock for San Antonio in a  
few minutes and I have only time  
to scrawl you a short note so -  
Cotton is arriving pretty freely  
and I fear my money will not  
hold out - till Col Perkins can send  
up a supply -

I shall ship all Cotton now on  
hand to Matamoros next week  
if not ordered by Col Perkins to turn  
it over to some Contractor &c.

One or two nice lots of Cotton trying  
to run the Blockade has been  
picked up since my order was  
issued, requiring all Cotton reports  
for registry &c -

Say to May Miller, that Capt Lusk  
is the duly Cactar Agent, that sends me  
his Permits to pass. South Cotton &c -  
and he will confer a great favor by  
notifying all agents, that his permits

are quite as essential & as good as  
 Cotton as that of private individuals  
 Please have this attended to as I  
 do not think that Capt Cowde  
 and I will get along any better  
 than we should now have.  
 Gout pains all straight &c  
 I will write you at length  
 in a few days &c.

Yours most respectfully  
 Jno P. Baughman

The Major & St. Lani  
 started Wednesday  
 for Monterey &c  
 Had a breakdown  
 before reaching  
 Coma, but got  
 off next day  
 all in good order  
 &c

W. P. Baughman

Rio Grande City  
 30th Sept 1864

W. P. Baughman

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In answer to affair  
 in the Rio Grande

St. Louis, Mo. Feb 30, 1865

Maj W. P. Blaylock

1304

Advising that Capt Calahan  
of Big Gun Blaylock's staff  
demanded 75 Bales of cotton

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Agency Cotton Bureau  
Rio Grande City Tex  
March 30th 1865

Col W. A. Broadwell  
Shrewsbury, La.

Sir,

Your very kind  
and complimentary favour of 14th Inst just received,  
and affords me great pleasure to know that <sup>my</sup> services for  
the benefit of our cause and country meet with the appro-  
bation of the Chief of the department.

Today Captain — Cullahan of Brig. Gen  
Slaughter's Staff, demanded of me 75 Bales of  
Government Cotton, stating that he was acting under  
orders from Genl Slaughter, and had an order issued  
by the Post Commander here to prevent me shipping a  
lot of Cotton, then laying on the wharf and in the ferry  
boat to the Mexican side of the river.

The Capt says he will have the 75 Bales out of  
the first Port Cotton that reaches this point, and will not  
permit me to ship any until he gets the amt.

I have requested him to furnish me with Copies of his  
orders, and intend protesting against them, and refer the  
matter to you. This is the second time lately the Military  
authorities on this line have stopped me from shipping, but  
the first time they have seized any Port Cotton. This inter-  
ference should not be permitted - its tendencies too bad,

Yours Truly, your obt Servt  
J. P. Gaughan  
Major Genl & ad Col 1st Div.

New Grand City Dec 25 1865

W. P. T. Doughty

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Notes for 4 Dec 1864 ready to  
forward. Subscribed in  
San Antonio

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Agent Cotton Bureau  
Rio Grande City Tex  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Major G. Wright  
Shreveport La. Sir

Your kind letter of  
the 9<sup>th</sup> inst came duly to hand with enclosures as  
stated.

I must beg of you to say to the Chief-  
(Col Broadwell) that my 2<sup>nd</sup> Cr papers were made  
up and ready for transmittal last of January, and  
only waiting for invoices from Laredo, San Antonio &  
Clinton which has failed to reach me up to date,  
why, I cannot say, and is the only cause why my  
papers have not been properly forwarded to H<sup>on</sup>  
Cr. for examination.

Please bear with me, and charge this delay to  
the agents (and not to me) who have failed to inclose  
to me invoices for cotton they have shipped during that  
quarter.

Thanking you and my friends for the interest  
they have manifested for my welfare, and requesting  
a line from you occasionally - and that you remember  
me to the Col.

I remain Your Most obt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
H. P. Daugherty  
Our Deputy Collector of Customs  
Capt Peter Demd, died 23<sup>rd</sup> inst



New Grand City Apr 15 1865

509  
Maj W. P. Bangs

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Enclosing attached each  
current to be substituted  
for each previously sent

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Agency to P & B O A  
Rio Grande City Tex  
April 15th 1865

Col W H Broadwell  
Chief Office Bureau I M F  
Shreveport La. Sir.

On the 11th

I had the pleasure enclosing A/c Current for the  
1st of 1865 - a day or so after forwarding same found that  
I had omitted to enter an advance to Capt J J Lynch &  
G M J at Brownsville of \$150

Herewith I have for corrected A/c Current.  
Showing a balance due the C. S. \$1226.90 (Twelve hundred  
& twenty six 9/100 Dollars) the other please destroy.

Rumours from our Mexican Neighbours unfavorable  
to the Liberals. - Saltillo has been retaken by the Imperialist  
Monterrey quiet and in their possession. Gen. Majia has  
accepted the proffered services of 2000 foreign Citizens of  
Matamoros for the defence of the City, and has gone out to  
meet the Liberals and give them battle. Cortina has again  
proffered his services to the Imperialist but rejected by them  
&c.

Hope they will quiet down in a short time and  
being resume its former activity.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

J. G. S. J. S. J. S.  
Major General

Pro Grand City

Oct 22 1864

J. P. P. Bangher  
agent.

123.

Referring to Cotton on hand  
transfer Cotton to W.  
Jact rich and to King  
N. & S. Authority to  
Export 400 bales given  
Col J. W. Latham

Wants local agent, order  
to send him of units of  
all Cotton sent to that  
place



Agency Cotton Bureau  
Rio Grande City Oct 20, 1864

Col W. A. Broadwell  
Chf. Cot. Bureau.  
Houston.

Sir.

I have nothing new or strange to report from this Agency. Cotton has been arriving pretty freely, and forwarded promptly to Brownsville, and Matamoros. We have now in our yard 292 Bales Cotton, of which, 123 Bales I consider damaged, or in no condition to be shipped until culled and rebaled.

This lot comprises that reported by J. W. Jockusch in the delivery to him of 300 Bales, for Ape. King.

Kennedy & Stillman by Lt. Lane; some forwarded from Laredo, and that damaged by teamsters on the road.

The order from Col. Perkins to turn over to Mr. Jockusch 700 Bales has been under consideration for several days; and I hope to complete the transaction to day or tomorrow.

Mr. J. - I could not agree as to quality and market value, and I have sold 445 Bales at considerable advance on his limits, and turned over the proceeds, which has caused me no little annoyance, and considerable bother with a few, who never see but his "own" interest in all his transactions. King, Kennedy & Stillman will have to

employ another Agent, as they will never receive  
Cotton from this Agency through him.

The weather has been rainy, cold and disagree-  
able for several days, which has checked the ar-  
rival of Cotton, but the Sun is now shining and hope  
we may have settled weather for the balance  
of the Season.

I have authorized Col. H. W. Latham to export  
400 Bales Cotton, under his affidavit that 600  
Bales in his possession were the sole & exclusive property  
of the C. S., purchased by him for Govt. under orders  
from Mr. Manning Sec. of State.

I would respectfully request you to direct the  
different local Agents to procure and forward to  
me permits for the Cotton shipped to me from the various  
deposits. A quantity of Cotton has been received, for  
which no permits have been forwarded.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt Servt

W. P. Fanning  
Capt

Kio Grand City Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

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Mij W. P. Baughm

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Advising that the transportation  
of cotton to Mexico had been  
stopped the Capt. Calahan  
of the Slaughter's ship had  
received 75 Bales Cotton -  
Protests against the action.

Shreveport, La.  
25<sup>th</sup> Sept 1865

Respy forwarded  
W. A. Broadwell  
L. Col

E. B.

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Agency Cotton Bureau (D. J. A.)  
Rio Grande City Texas  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865.)

Col. H. A. Broadwell Assoc.  
Shreveport La.

Sir,

I thank this pleasure on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., advising you that the Military authorities on this line had stopped the exportation of American Cotton into Mexico, untill they had seized Seventy five (75) bales. On what grounds or for what purpose this seizure is made I am not able to say. I requested Capt Calhoun (who sent the order from, and a member of Gen Slaughter's Staff) to furnish me with Copies of his orders authorizing them to seize the Cotton, which he has not deigned to reply to. I requested, verbally, of the Port Adjutant to furnish them to me, but have not been able to gain their Official Notice in this matter.

If there is an emergency requiring the seizure of Port Cotton I do not know of it, and it seems to me, that the Govt's interest could not suffer to this extent, when Col Pertine's Special Agent War Department is on duty in Matamoros, having the unlimited Confidence of the whole Department, and having the means to, at any time, of securing any pecuniary want of our Govt, consisting the value of 75 Bales Cotton. Taking this view of the case I am forced to protest against the interference in this way of the military authorities in the West Sub

District of Texas.

It has always been my understanding that Col Perkins was placed on duty at Matamoros for the purpose of supplying the wants of our army with the proceeds of Cotton acquired by Govt in the interior, and I cannot believe he would allow the troops to suffer for valium or clothing, especially under his immediate observation. Hence I am forced to the conclusion that this seizure of Govt Cotton is designed for some other purpose.

To know the pressing wants of poor soldiers in the E & Northern portions of the Trans Mex Dept. then see the manner in which they are clothed & fed here, is distinction enough. But to see the very "life blood" as it were, seized and converted to other purposes at this point, is enough to vex any patriot.

With the hope that steps will be taken to prevent the seizure of Cotton in the future, I remain Col

Your most obt servant  
M. P. Langdon  
Major U. S. Army

P.S.

Since writing the above a train carrying 30 Bales FSO (Treasury Cotton) came in to be loaded as per contract in P.M., I was seized (to take as far as it went) & sent down on this side of the river. I have declined to pay freight, or do any thing at all to do with this seized Cotton.

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165  
Gonzales 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1864

Wm P. Baughn Agt.

Report of the Agency at  
Gonzales. Delays - Causes -  
Order from the Cotton office  
unpopular - The action of  
Speculators and Contractors -  
influence upon the planters -  
their action - fraudulent  
shipment under permits  
Contractors do not intend to  
fulfill their obligations -  
Abuses - proceeds from other  
parts of the dist sent to this  
to purchase under local  
permits - Influence of the  
trade upon Planters - They  
realize full prices in coin -  
Remedy - absolute prohi-  
bition -

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ever was your orders promulgated, calling for half of the Cotton in the Country, then the traders & planters in this valley, cast about to evade the call, as justly & to daily made, & continue if possible their trade & rich gains in specie, How to succeed, was the rub, but such fry are not long returning their plan, they first advise the farmers to sell them their Crops at 5¢ in specie, which I regret to say many did, and then sharks are now trying to defraud the Government, by shipping out their purchases, under permits held by different parties, they paying these parties 20 or 25% for the privilege, rather than let the Government have one half. From the lights before me, I fear permits have been granted and approved, and are now in the hands of parties, that do not think or intend to comply with their contracts, or they could not sublet their privileges so low, and pay the high freights, they are now paying to the Rio Grande,

There is several draw backs, to the Cotton Office in this district, which I will mention, and would like to have them corrected. Many of the holders of permits to export Cotton for local interest, come to this district to make their purchases, this being the most convenient to market, which induces the planter to hold on to their Cotton, thinking they can sell to this class of traders their whole crop at full price in coin, and not deliver the half called for by the Cotton Office. I have it not in my power to stop this unfair & unequal proceedings, but think an order prohibiting any Cotton leaving the district

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under any pretext whatever, until the half called for  
be delivered to the district depot agent, would work a  
case. There are points I ~~like~~ <sup>wish</sup> you & the General to  
consider, when permits are granted to any one for  
State and County purposes, if you wish and expect  
any good to result from the Agency at this point.  
With my best wishes for your success and good  
health. I remain, Very Respectfully Yours.

Wm. J. Hargrave  
Maj & Cotton Agent. Arizona.

P.S.

Please apply to headquarters and have me trans-  
ferred to this department if not already ordered.  
My health is not good, but improving, and my eyes  
give me trouble at times, and cause me some  
uneasiness, but think prudence & caution will enable  
me to discharge the duties of this agency, and at the  
same time recover my health & sight, would be  
pleased to hear from you.

Wm. J. Hargrave



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Gonzales Texas. 4th March 1847

W. P. Baughen

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In regard to the operations  
of Gen. McCulloch's agents - its  
results - & effects upon the  
people - its objects to thwart  
the plans of the Texas Cotton  
office -

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St. Col. W. A. Broadwell  
Chief Cotton Office

Gonzales March 24 1864

Shreveport  
Dear Sir

I wrote to St. Col. Hitt  
chins by last mail enumerating some of the ob-  
stacles we are now encountering since the estab-  
lishing of a Cotton Bureau by the State.

I give you a few items

From information received yester-  
day from Planters living on Peach Creek & San Marcos  
River I learn that E. C. Huff a state agent & Planter  
on the River has bought all the cotton on the Creek &  
River above this - He has agreed to pay them 8¢ per lb.  
in coin for their entire crop of cotton - which they think  
much better than our offer and I suppose have sold  
to this State agent - and where I had calculated on  
getting several hundred Bales I am to get none.

When I see such men as Huff,  
<sup>John Williams</sup> Thruge, & Zacharie doing all they can against the  
Cotton Office and talking eloquently for the State Bureau  
I am satisfied that something is rotten & that the State  
opposition was put on foot solely to thwart the Cotton  
Office & benefit the old ~~the~~ speculators.

If something is not done  
to head off this swarm of Sharpies the Govt. will  
get but a small portion of the cotton in this part of

The State. The agents of the State in this section have been speculating in Cotton ever since the commencement of the War. There plenty of the "Deacons" & when they "sweep" a Planter & find that he is not disposed to let them have his Cotton on the terms proposed by the State Bureau. They will buy it <sup>at</sup> any price rather than he should turn it over to the Cotton Officers.

From the movements of the Opposition I think their grand aim is to destroy the Cotton Office and place the would be patriots in a position to stake their trust for gain and dupe the unsuspecting Planters of their Cotton.

I hope you will look into this matter and if any thing can be done to hoist this honest set out of their Boots, rig the purchase & I will pull down on them with a vim

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
Jm J. Baughin  
Maj & purchasing agent  
Gonzales Dist



Shreveport La  
20th April 1865

Rispy returned.

I recommended  
that Capt Barnett  
of Capt Berge be  
authorized to pay  
the charges on the  
cotton of his firm  
& Co taken by the  
Kornik. to which  
are added as that  
portion is encum-  
bered. deducting  
the amt from the  
price to be paid  
by the Kornik for  
the cotton.

W. A. Broadwell  
for Seal

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Shreveport. La  
1865

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J. D. McNamee

Ordering that the  
Gov. pay half of  
the expenses of  
the cotton  
Cotton being over  
by Act of Congress

W. A. Broadwell  
Shreveport April 18, 1865

Recd and to L. L. Broadwell

By order of  
General Smith  
(R. H. Johnson  
secy)

Recd and to L. L. Broadwell April 18/65

Genl Some time since I proposed  
to turn over for use of the C & G Govt  
one half of all cotton owned & held  
by Messrs Peck Simms & Co in this  
Dept, at Schedule price.  
Since I made this proposition I hear  
that in almost every lot of cotton  
owned by this firm stored in dif  
ferent sections of the Co. there are heavy  
bills against said cotton for storage  
attention, Taxes &c. which must  
be paid before the parties holding  
said cotton will allow it to be moved.

be. View of the fact that I propose  
in behalf of this firm to turn over  
1/2 of all their Cotton in this Dept  
at Schedule Price. I respectfully  
ask in notice to Messrs J & S  
that you instruct the Officers who  
may see this Cotton to pay expen-  
ses Taxes &c on said Cotton  
in proportion to amount used.  
& when taking possession of same that  
they be directed to take in proportion  
to quality and condition. to say that in  
all things the Govt may share & share  
alike with the owner.

Very respectfully  
A. D. Q.



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Co 2, 1st Division  
Army of Texas.  
Fort Brown Oct 20 1863.

Big Game Beer

Refused to release  
the prisoner apprehended  
by him belonging  
to Maj S. Hart 2nd Regt

"Copy"

Major General, "Div. Army of Texas,"  
Fort Brown Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

Gentlemen,

I much regret that there is a military necessity so imperative in my judgment as to compel me to avail myself of Maj. H. B. Cotton to pay for the Arms received per "Sch. Lone Bird" and that I cannot comply with your request.

I think I can assure you that there will be but little delay in replacing this Cotton, as I have assurance that there is Cotton on the road specially purchased for this payment.

It is proper to state, that Mr. Ruthven denies that he made the proposition to take 300 Bales of Cotton from Maj. Hart, as stated in your letter.

"Signed"

With great respect  
Your Obt. Serv.

H. B. Bee  
Brig. Genl. U. S. A.

To  
Maj. Mims V. C.  
George Catling V. C.  
J. Mark V. C.

"A. True Copy"

S. H. Hunt

May 22 1864

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L. Mr. Office  
Barnville Texas  
Oct 18/863.

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John A. Beldun  
Agent of May A.  
Hart.



(Copy)

Quartermaster's Office  
Brownsville Oct: 18<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Major T. Hart. 2<sup>d</sup> Mo.

San Antonio

Sir -

Mr Cain of the firm of —  
J. Marks & Co, propose to leave this morning for your city having important business with you — This affords me an opportunity of writing you at some length — I think he will be accompanied by Mr Rhine and family.

My last to you was the 16<sup>th</sup> acknowledging receipt of yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> inclosing various enclosures letters &c which have been delivered — I called on Genl Bee after the receipt of your letter, he stated in reply to your communication to his a, a, a, Genl Col Tager that he could only change his orders in regard to the cotton to be turned over to Messrs Hale & Co on account of arms &c — That it was a Military Necessity which would enable him the issue of this order, as he was much occupied my interview was a brief one.

I have communicated your request to the principal Creditors in Matamoros viz, J. Marks & Co, Milner & Co, and Drake & Belling & Co, and had a long interview with these parties in which they express their willingness to concede to the Agent of Clements a respectable shipment of cotton, say 300 Bales or Act of said arms, but were willing to waive their claims on the cotton arriving at this Agency beyond this amount — They have addressed to Genl Bee

a remonstrance in respectful language setting forth their priority of Claims, and protesting against his taking of our Cotton for other purposes than that of paying their claims &c. &c, up to this time I have not been shown a reply to this Communication -

From the decided tone of Genl Bee's communication with me, I am inclined to think he will not abate this order in such a case - I think it proper for me to obey the order, as I have no means of successfully opposing it - I should to turn over the cotton as he directed, of course he will seize it by force, thereby breaking up the whole routine of your office business, and I should not longer be able to keep a correct acct of your Cotton arriving at this point after it would go into the hands of his agents here, also in view of the expected arrival of Mr Gallagher here in a few days, who will be better prepared to assume responsibilities than myself - I think this course the best I can adopt for the moment - I shall be guided in some degree by the advice of your friends here, and may take the opposite course from this which at present governs me, or probably Genl Bee may himself, under the influence of your creditors at Matamoros modify his order to some extent, this however unlikely - I shall keep you advised of all that occurs in reference to this matter -

It is scarcely necessary for me to extend this letter beyond this, only to express the hope that you will get such a positive order from Head Quarters as will prevent the recurrence of conflicting orders from officers in

Command at this point - Mr. Cain will inform  
you of many matters connected with your affairs here  
as I have communicated with him freely at all times.

Within the past few days we have received at  
this Agency some 120 Bales Cotton making in all about  
to be turned over to Mans Hale & Co as agents of Clements,

I have seen your brother at Matamoros he  
appears in fine health

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt:

Saml A Beldew

Agt: 2<sup>d</sup> M Department

A true copy &

S. Mast

Majr & 2<sup>d</sup> M.



Brunswick 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1863  
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Saml A Belden

Referring to the transfer of  
Maj Harts Cotton.

"Copy"

San Antonio Office  
Brownsville Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1863

Major S. B. Galt Jr. Mr.  
San Antonio Tex

Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup> last evening at a late hour, your communication of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> inst, with various enclosures for other persons, which will be delivered promptly.

The Express leaving soon, gives me time to reply to these several important communications, which as soon as I can reply to advisedly, I shall do.

Brig Genl Bee has been absent for a few days, but as I learn arrived here last night. Col Gage has been ordered to his Regt and left here some days since.

I presume your letter to him, of which you send me a copy - will be replied to by his views in regard to the further disposition of Cotton. I will also communicate, your wishes to the Govt Creditors in Matamoros, but have little hopes that they will concede any favors in regard to the contracts with Nelson Clements. I have just learned, that your brother arrived in Matamoros from Monterey last evening. I expect to see him to day. I hope to get off the 10<sup>th</sup> of Matamoros in a day or two by Mule teams.

A True Copy  
S B Galt m<sup>y</sup> 12 m

I am Very Respectfully Yours S B Galt  
San Antonio Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1863

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Barnstable 1st Oct. 1864.  
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Saml S. Belden  
Sgt. & M. Dept.

Referring to the transfer of  
Maj Harts Cotton by order of  
Brig Genl Bee.

A True Copy  
J. H. Hart

Wm L. B. M.



Copy  
under

Quarter Masters Office  
Brownsville Texas,  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

Brig Genl H. J. Bee.  
Commandg 1<sup>st</sup> Div Army of Texas.

Sir,

Referring to recent conversations had with you, in which you indicated your intention of appropriating a portion of the Cotton sent by Maj. S. Hart of Mr. E. P. O'Neil's Agency at this place to pay in part for a certain contract for Arms &c. I deem it proper to inform you that I am just in receipt of a letter from Maj. Hart, dated Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from which I extract the following.

"Should you perceive any intention on the part  
" of any Authority whatever to assume control over  
" any Cotton on or near the Rio Grande, or to interfere  
" with your duties in any respect, you will please  
" lose not a moment in reporting such interference  
" to me.

I deem it also proper to enclose for your perusal two letters of July 6<sup>th</sup> one to Maj. Genl Magruder the other to his Agent here Mr. Peter Gallagher both referring to the same subject. Should you resolve on the course indicated in the conversation on this subject, I have respectfully to request a peremptory order from you, to turn over to you said Cotton in order that I may hold the same as my warrant for not being able to comply with this

orders in reference to the disposal of the same.  
A reply is respectfully requested with the two  
letters of July 6<sup>th</sup> which being papers of the office,  
I wish to hold for further reference.

I am Gent. Respectfully  
Signed  
Cyr. Abbott  
Samuel A. Selden  
Asst. J. M. Dep'tmt.

"A True Copy"  
A. Hunt  
May 22nd

Received 1000.1 M. 4.  
3-18  
James S. Belmont  
Asst. A. M. Dept.  
Referring to the transfer of  
the State Cotton by order of  
the Board of Sec.

providing on my representations: Genl  
me to appropriate sufficient Cotton,  
necessary expenditures of this office.  
You will find (36) Sales India  
which I found it necessary to add  
specie; for Oregon Comms, and provisions as it were  
not do, to send the articles without proper protection

Received  
Saml A. B. Oct 1866  
Referring to the transfer of  
the Dec 19th



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Santa Maria's Office  
Brownsville Oct 4. 1863.

Wm. S. Hart. Esq.  
San Antonio

Sir,

I wrote you a brief letter on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. sending copy of Brig Genl Bee's order requiring me to turn over to the House of Sale of Matamoros, (1200) Bales of your Cotton as it may come to hand, to pay in part for Contract for Arms with Nelson Clements. I now enclose you copy of my letter in reference to this matter, which I wrote, as you will see on his verbal information to me of his intention to take your Cotton for the purpose expressed in his written order, as you have never alluded to this Contract, in any of your communications to this Agency, but on the contrary ordered the disposal of all your Cotton to other purposes. I cannot think this disposition of your means will meet your approval. You will perceive at once the position this will place you in with the creditors of the Confederacy who have been anxiously awaiting the receipts of the Cotton for months past, and my inability to fill your recent orders, if the Genl's order is carried out, from information I have received, I think a considerable amt of Cotton will come in, which I no doubt will be required to turn over forthwith. Your Agt at Corpus has not informed me, whether he obtained the \$1000, you mentioned in yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> and other letters - if he requires it, it is

possible on my representation's I feel I will allow  
me to appropriate sufficient Cotton, to meet the  
necessary expenditures of this office. I have the honor

necessary expenditures of this office. I have with me  
 you will find for (36) Bales India Bagging, or  
 which I found it necessary to add to the  
 specie, for wagon covers, and provisions as it would  
 not do to send the articles without proper protection  
 from the weather. I have still (14) Bales to send,

from the weather. I have still (14) Bales to send, Messrs. Marks & Co. have not yet delivered any rope or other goods, they expressed willingness to do so, but the order of Genl. Bee, (I think) shakes their confidence in your ability to meet engagements, and that this order may be followed by others of a similar character, from any other officer who may succeed Genl. Bee. - I feel that I have exhausted the subject, and can only hope, you will be able to have this order rescinded, which if continued must act to your prejudice.

He also without late dates from abroad, a vessel  
is said to be in from N. Orleans and report: the seizure  
of Charleston raised, and <sup>only</sup> the blockading fleet of  
that harbour.

Very respectfully, Yr obt. Servt.  
Signed " Saml A Belden.  
Capt Gr Mr Dept.

"A True Copy"  
H. H. H.

May 22 1922



Brownsville Texas 12 Oct 1863

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Saml. A. Belden

Referring to the transfer of  
 Maj Hart's Cotton under orders  
 from Brig Genl Bee.



"Copy"

Quarta Master Office  
 Brownsville Oct 12. 1863  
 Major S. S. East Jr  
 San Antonio Tex.

Sir, I have just received  
 Yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. - as anticipated I perceive you  
 oppose the purpose of Genl Bee in appropriating  
 your Cotton to the payment of Arms recently received  
 in preference to other obligations of long standing. I  
 think however nothing but a positive order from  
 a superior officer will change his purpose, as he has  
 been applied to by various creditors of the Govt  
 in vain.

This Agency is now receiving considerable  
 amounts of Cotton all of which I am required to  
 turn over at once to Messrs Hale & Co on acc of said Arms.  
 I yesterday rec<sup>d</sup> quite a number of Bkts for Cotton  
 en route, from your City and Texas Christi without  
 the diversion of Cotton by Genl Bee's Order, I should  
 soon have been in condition to satisfy all creditors,  
 Mr. Rhin will leave in a day or two for your place,  
 he will be probably accompanied by one of the  
 firm of J. Marks & Co, who will explain the position  
 of affairs here, I will write by them, now at  
 length,

Very respectfully  
 Yr Obedt Servt

"Signed"

Saml A. Belden  
 Asst to Mr Deft

"A True Copy"

S. Hale

May 12 11-

The Geo. Davis Mm's Dept  
 Shreveport Nov 25. 1884  
 Resp returned to Capt  
 Black. It has been  
 found impossible to  
 procure labor or trans-  
 portation for the army  
 in the field. None can  
 be furnished for the  
 purposes mentioned  
 herein.

By order  
 General Smith  
 C.B. 573  
 P. H. Thompson  
 adj

Chas. W. Davis  
 Leam Agency  
 Shreveport 28th Nov 1884  
 B2339  
 J. J. Bellman

740  
 Giving information of the  
 damaging condition of cotton  
 and asking for labor & help  
 to procure the best paper.

Long Agency  
 Marshall, La 24/84  
 Respectfully ask? to Mr  
 Genl W. R. Pryor. Write  
 the agent that he would  
 the labor from the place  
 at the disposal of agents  
 Bellman, the labor he origi-  
 nally had the best cotton  
 also that the Chief in the  
 family have written a long  
 letter - W. B. Blackman  
 C. H. 12.8.84  
 Acting in the Agency

Received from 25th

Office Produce Low. Agency C. S.  
Insy Dept. Sec. Shreveport. Nov. 21/64.

Capt. W. C. Black.

Cotton Bureau

It is ascertained that a large amount of Govt Cotton in this and the adjoining Parish is being wasted and damaged for want of repairs.

Efforts to have the necessary repairs made by contract have failed, unless at prices so exorbitant as to be inadmissible.

In many instances the Sills of these Cottars have removed to the interior, leaving them with out any custodian in charge; the buildings have fallen to decay, troops & teamsters camping in the vicinity have removed the ties, much of the bagging has been destroyed by natural decay and exposure to the weather.

In order to prevent a total loss to the Govt. of a large amount of valuable property, I respectfully recommend, that an order be obtained for the services of five labourers - one wagon team & teamster, and an appropriation of sufficient Bagging & Rope for the purpose. all to be placed in charge of a proper agent, to make the necessary repairs on all Govt cotton in this, and the adjoining Parish of Bossier.

Very Respectfully H.

J. T. Belknap

Genl Agent Sec



Shrewsbury 1<sup>st</sup> March 1864

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J. I. Belknap - Sgt.

In regard to the Cotton of  
G. W. Robinson - suggests  
its immediate removal  
he having notified the  
office that he no longer  
considered the sale valid.

Shrewsbury March 20/64  
The Western Cottons have  
been ordered to this  
place, Shrewsbury  
to expedite its delivery.  
W. B.

Shrewsbury, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

St Col. W. A. Broadwell  
Chief of Bureau. Trans Miss Sept.

Sir,

I recommend the removal of 200  
Bales cotton purchased of Mr G. W. Robinson  
18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1863. for account of the Govt, without  
delay. as I am unofficially informed that  
he does not intend to deliver the same, having  
notified this office that he would consider the  
contract null and void.

Very Respectfully &c.

J. L. Belknap  
Asst. Col. Purchasing agt.

Shreveport 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1864 -

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J. T. Belknap -

In regard to the purchase of  
Cotton - prices offered by  
State officers - Asks that  
some plan be adopted to  
relieve competition with C. S -  
Govt officers -

arranged with Mr Allen



1587  
Shreveport, Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

St Col W. A. Broadwell  
Chief Cot Bureau, Trans Miss Dept

Sir Sir.

I beg leave to inform you that purchasers of Cotton are now offering, and buying at ten cents per lb in the seed, and fifty cents per lb in Bales.

This effectually precludes the possibility of obtaining any Cotton for the Govt, even at our increased limit of thirty cents per lb. Twenty cents being the highest price paid for any Cotton purchased up to this time.

I am well informed that some of the purchasers refer to are authorized agents purchasing for the State Govt, As this competition must necessarily increase speculation, which has already been stimulated by some of the agents above referred to, I would respectfully suggest that some plan of Cooperation be proposed to His Honor Gov. Allen, by which these embarrassments might be avoided, and the largest amt of Cotton secured.

Very Respectfully  
J. B. & Co.  
J. B. Belknap  
Cot purchasing agt

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Manuscript in 20th July 1864

J. T. Bell Knapp  
Cotton purchasing agent.  
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Giving information as to  
the reason why Govt.  
purchases were not extended  
in certain countries in Texas

Shreveport. Feb<sup>y</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1861,  
Col W. A. Broadwell  
Chief of Bureau

Resent  
Sir

In compliance with your request to report the reasons of comparative failure on the part of this agency to procure cotton in the adjoining counties of Texas embraced in our district, I beg leave to state,

That in the early part of last winter the writer visited the counties of Harrison, Marion & Davis for the purpose of purchasing under order from the Secy of Treasury - when he was everywhere met by Speculators and Contractors - who were paying in all cases an advance on the limits allowed us, Messrs Probing Riggs & Meade were the principal buyers, and having authority to detain teamsters, and paying in funds most accessible to the planters, effectually prevented the agents for the Govt from procuring any cotton, particularly as they were represented in most instances as Govt agents - and had the party appointed by the writer as assistant left to aid them in their purchases. (Mr. G. W. Walker) when authorized to advance our limits, there



Contractors, and the Speculators would exceed  
them. So far as to obtain a preference, and by  
this means we defeated in our efforts to purchase  
any considerable amount of cotton in the countries  
before named.

Very Respectfully,  
Yours &c  
J. B. Kennerly  
Cot per agt.

Shrewsbury Incl 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

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J. J. Belknap

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asking information in regard  
to cotton.

Office Produce Loan Agency  
Shreveport. March 21, 1865

St. Col. W. A. Broadwell.  
Chf. Cst. Bureau

Present

Sir.

In order to complete the report called for by the Treasy Dept. I respectfully request a statement of the cotton disposed of by Major Buckner. also the number of Bales delivered Mr. Samore.

If you have any report on the Cotton purchased by Mr. Lawson, or any information relating to the disposition of it. please give me the benefit of it to aid me in my report. also please inform me how much Cotton you found at. Burrs Ferry, Nibletts Bluffs. and Sabineville, and if the same was disposed of by you.

I have had no agents, or inspectors to look after any of these Cottons. there fore have to rely mainly on reports made to you for the information required. for any further information you can furnish me relative to the disposition of Gray Cotton I shall be very much obliged

Very Respectfully M<sup>r</sup> & C

J. J. Belknap



Shenandoah 23 July 1865

J. S. Vickers

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Asking statement Treasury Dept  
Colton and by the Bureau

Produce Loan Agency La  
Newport July 23. 1865

Col. W. A. Boardman  
Chief of Cotton Bureau

Friend

In order to complete a report called for by the  
Treasury Dept, I respectfully request a statement of  
all the cotton, purchased by the agents of that Dept,  
which has been disposed of or removed by the Cotton  
Bureau or its agts, with the names of whom it was  
purchased, the parish in which it was deposited, and  
number of bales.

Very respectfully Yrs  
J. B. Beckman  
Genl Agent La.

copy 327

J. J. Belknap -  
C. S. purchasing agent

to  
W. W. Brazzato

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1864



Copy.

Shreveport. Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

W W Brazil Esq  
Starchitects.

Mr Sir

Your favour of the 4<sup>th</sup> to Major C. P. Broadwell  
proposing to sell to the Govt. 200 Bales of Cotton on the  
terms & conditions therein named has been referred to me  
recommending that the Cotton be acquired for the Govt.

up to this period the highest price paid for any  
Cotton purchased by this agency is 20¢ pr<sup>lb</sup> but our  
limits have been increased to 25¢ pr<sup>lb</sup> at which price  
I will accept your offer of 200 Bales, and will furnish  
the Bagging & Rope necessary for bailing the same with  
least possible delay at the cost price to the Govt.

On receipt of this please <sup>notify me</sup> of the point at which  
you require the Bagging & Rope to be delivered & oblige

Very Respectfully yours

J. I. Belknap

C. I. Cotton purchasing agt.

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The undersigned, as Agent of the Government, certifies that the within Cotton has been examined by him or by a competent judge, and that its character will rank according to the commercial scale as \_\_\_\_\_

and also, that the weights and marks are as described—the Cotton being in good merchantable order, marked with the name of the planter, and on each end the initials C. S. A., and safely stored in a covered building.

The undersigned certifies that the price agreed upon is a fair market price at the present time.

**CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,**

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT,**

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This is to certify that the within and above described cotton has been sold to \_\_\_\_\_

and delivery is hereby ordered to be made to him, or his order, with license to export the same from the Confederate States, to any neutral port, on complying with the requisitions of the law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Treasury Department, on the year and day above mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

Fill Blanks with the Location of the Plantation and the usual Shipping Point of the Planter.

Here enter the weights of the bales only, and their marks, in columns, or solid if necessary.

Bales: Aggregate Weight \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \$

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

P. O., and DATE, \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned having sold to the Confederate States of America, and received the value of the same in Bonds, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, \_\_\_\_\_

Bales of Cotton, marked, numbered and classed as in the margin, which is now deposited at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby agrees to take due care of said cotton whilst on his plantation, and to deliver the same at his own expense, at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, or his Agents, or their Assigns.

ORIGINAL.



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Shreveport, May 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mr. Wm. A. Broadwell  
Chief of Cotton Bureau

Sir,

I respectfully beg leave to submit the enclosed papers relative to the proposition of Wm. Bragado Esq. to sell 200 Bales of Cotton to the Govt.

In the absence of any reply to my letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> March last I supposed the transaction had been abandoned. The only notice I have received to the contrary is contained in his letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May (nearly three months having elapsed) notifying me that the cotton had been destroyed and requesting payment.

Under these circumstances I cannot now accept the sale without such authoritative instructions as will fully indemnify me for a transaction not authorized by my instructions from the Treasury Dept. In any event I shall require the enclosed form of Certificate signed in duplicate, and an appropriation of funds for the purpose.

Very Respectfully, Yours

A. J. Beckwith

C. C. C. C. C.

Shreveport. 28<sup>th</sup> Apr 1864

<sup>320</sup>  
J. T. Bellhop  
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States that Dock J. F.  
Keith notifies him that  
86 bales of cotton purchased  
by Gibbs will not be  
delivered.



Shreveport. Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mr. Col. W. H. Brundage

Chief of Lake Bureau LMSO

Dear Sir

I was this day notified by Doct J. F. Keith of Bienville Parish, and requested to inform you that 86 Bales of Cotton purchased of him by this agency through Doct Gibbs for the Govt. will not be delivered, assigning as a reason for withholding it from delivery, "that the Govt had failed to furnish the Bonds in time to enable him to accomplish a trade in which he could have used the Bonds, therefore he considered the transaction null & void, and that he would avail himself of all the power of the civil authority to resist it.

Very Respectfully Yrs  
J. T. Belknap  
Ct of agt.

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Shrewsbury 28<sup>th</sup> Apr 1864

J. T. Beckwith,  
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Requesting that £20.000  
diverted for other pur-  
poses be returned to  
mat certificate.

Shreveport. Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

St. Col. W. A. Broadwell

Chief of Cotton Bureau. Trans Miss Laft  
Laft.

I respectfully beg leave to represent  
that the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars, diverted  
for the payment of Two hundred Bales of Cotton  
sold the U. S. Govt. by Major J. H. Lacy, as  
recommended by you, is now required for the  
purposes of the appropriation to which it belongs.  
with the request that the amt be replaced for the  
purposes required.

Very Respectfully Yrs  
J. J. Belknap  
C. J. Smith & Co.



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Shrewsb. 18<sup>th</sup> June 64

J. J. Belknap  
Agent

List of letters purch-  
ased - and not settled  
for - in certificates for bonds

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Recd. Cotton Bureau 20th June

Office Cotton Purchasing Agency  
Shreveport June 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

St. Col. M. A. Broadwell  
Chief Cot. Bureau

Mr Sir

I respectfully beg leave to call your attention to the following purchases of Cotton by this agency, for which the Sellers have never demanded settlement and recommend that you ascertain whether or not the cotton is properly taken care of for account of the Govt in accordance with the obligations of Sellers.

Date of Purchase	of whom Purchased	Parish	Postoffice	No of Bales	Marks	Weight	Price	Amount
1863								
June 13	R. J. Noel (Inter)	Caddo	Morrisport	247	MSJ	124834	20	24866 80
"	R. J. Noel	"	"	74	RN	39021	20	7804 20
May 22	W. B. Hendricks	Bossier	Collingsburg	22	WBH	11407	20	2281 40
June 20	Mary Presnell	"	Belleme	24	JP	10660	20	2132 00
" 27	Wm Walling	"	Benton	7	WV	3362	20	172 40
"	A. K. Sears	"	Arch. Grove	24	AKS	11038	20	2207 60
" 20	A. D. Gaskin	Calcasieu	Rose Hill	20	ADG	9759	20	1951 80
"	Ed. Williams	"	Lisbon	68	EW	27894	20	5578 80
" 30	Mr. Crow	"	Hatfield	54	JC	25885	20	5167 00
"	H. Fuller	"	Haynesville	34	LSF	16083	20	3216 60
Oct	Th. S. Hightower	"	"	25	Reported by asst. agt.			
"	A. LeFrere	Bossier	"	38	"	"	"	"
"	R. B. Bagley	Caddo	"	19	"	"	"	"
				656	BLL			

J. J. Belknap  
Cot. Purch. Agt.

Shenandoah y Incl 1865  
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J. F. Belton a.g.

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Desires copy of order issued  
in regard to station of Peck  
Simms & Co

file



Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., March 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Colonel,

The Comdg General wishes  
to be furnished with copies of any  
orders issued by you in regard to  
the cottons of Deat Sumner & Co  
and of any instructions you have  
received in relation thereto.

I am Colonel

Respy

Yours truly

A. A. Genl

Col. W. W. Broadman

Chf Ctt. Bur.

Shreveport  
LH

Shrewsbury 28 Feb 1865

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J. J. Sutton A.B.C.

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wishes information upon the  
policy of permitting the transit  
of Sutton into the several lines

file

Henry J. M. Webb

Shreveport La

Feb 28 1865

Colonel,

The Comd General  
directs me to inform you  
that he will leave to mor-  
row morning for Hatchit-  
ches, and that he wishes  
you to give him before  
starting such papers and  
such information as will  
be of use to him in deci-  
ding upon the policy to  
be adopted in respect to  
the transit of cotton into  
the enemy's line. The General  
will leave early in the morn-

Very respectfully

Yrs. O. T. Smith

H. J. M. Webb



P. C. Bethell  
 1334

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*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

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Lottou Buman  
Shreveport 13<sup>th</sup> April,  
Respy refers to  
Brig. Genl. Boggs  
in acceptance of  
this proposition  
will abate the  
expense of trans-  
porting a large  
quantity of cotton  
from La to Texas,  
If approved by  
the Genl. I will  
take up the certificate  
now held by Rosedine  
Murrell to the extent  
which Mr. Bethell pays.  
I will under the ar-  
rangement with cotton  
on the terms proposed  
by Mr. Bethell -  
W. A. Rosedine  
L. L. Leve

Colonel. *Shreveport La* 13<sup>th</sup> April 1864

I propose to furnish the 25-50 -  
Bales of cotton to pay the certificates  
issued by Borden & Russell at the points  
designated in their contract - for  
a like number of bales in Louisiana  
or Texas contiguous to the  
~~General~~ Red River, & now owned by  
the Govt, provided the cotton  
now in exchange is exempted  
from destruction by the issue of an  
order from Dept Hdqrs. I do  
not propose to remove the cotton  
acquired by me from the Govt until  
after the declaration of peace

~~Very respectfully~~  

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Shreveport 22 April 1864  
335  
Agreement between  
L. H. Belser in behalf  
of the Citizens of Down,  
Ashley & Chicot Counties  
Arkansas, and the  
Cotton Bureau -

Read by J. M. J.  
Shreveport 23rd April 1864  
Approved - and may  
be extended to three  
thousand Bales if found  
to be necessary to meet  
the requirements of the Cotton  
Bureau -

E. King for the  
Genl

Cotton Bureau

Shreveport 22nd August 1864

The proposition of L M Belser is recommended to the Comd Genl, to the extent of one thousand bales Cotton, on the following conditions

1st It is to be understood that said Belser is acting for the people of Drew, Arkley & Chick, Combs, Ark, that they are to look to him to procure their rights, and to manage their interests, and through him, satisfy all he may do, in binding them, the delivery of Cotton, to the Genl, which may be necessary, to carry out this article of agreement -

2nd That the point of export, from our lines, is to be limited to <sup>Point of</sup> Landing, Mississippi River, that no shipment is to take place, unless under the supervision of an officer appointed for the purpose, or one assigned to it on special duty, to whom said Belser must pay the export duty, or ground tax law, and that any attempt to evade or defraud the Genl, to be attended with confiscation of the property so attempting to evade, or defraud, a revocation of permit to export, and forfeiture of all Cotton given to the Genl ~~in~~ consideration ~~of~~ permit to remove from our lines the said one thousand bales -

3rd The Consideration to be given to the Genl for permission to export the above Cotton, the people represented by said L M Belser, will transfer to the Chief of the Cotton Bureau, through such agent as he may appoint, one thousand bales Cotton, in good ship order, in amount equal to the number of bales each one, in this arrangement, as allowed to ship



4th

Upon acceptance of this proposition, by the people of said Counties, to be evidenced by placing in the hands of the Officer, representing this Bureau, the Governments portion of Cotton, which he will accept for, due notice of which will be given them. He may, when permits to export will be issued.

5th

Mr L H Baker alone will be considered as charged with this trust, on behalf of the people, to whom he will be responsible for his use of their property. The Govt only viewing him in the transaction, and trusting with him, as tho he represented his own personal interests -

The Cotton to be shipped, and then given to the Govt, as Compensation, to be <sup>now</sup> in the Counties above named, and belonging to the Citizens thereof - and not to be removed from the portions of the State -

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The Teams & Wagon used in transporting this Cotton, as well as the Cotton itself, will be exempted from Military Modulation & permitted to pass to the River, to the Shipping point agreed upon.

W H Black  
Capt & A & M  
For Chief of Bureau

I accept the terms & conditions as above described in seven articles, and upon which I am willing to undertake the duties imposed and to assume the responsibility of the work assigned me by the President & our lady & Chief of L H Bels.



Monticello Nov. 1864

Lawrence H. Belsky

In regard to his arrange-  
ments for exporting cotton  
& the transportation of the  
same & also a similar  
arrangement  
charges 2 1/2 in Com. as  
Commission

Monticello, Va.  
Dec 7/64

Respectfully  
Yours &c  
Wm. H. B. B. B. B.  
Chief of Cotton  
in his action

(P.B.  
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Wm. B. B. B.  
Capt

Capt W. C. Black

Acting Chief of Cotton Bureau

Dear Sir

In August, I had the honor to confer with the Bureau, an arrangement for the exportation of Cotton by the people, which was done in accordance with their petition. When I reached home and reported the agreement & its tenor, a vote of thanks was accorded me in Public meeting, for my exertion in behalf of the people's interests & few holders of Cotton exhibited any dissatisfaction; but soon parties who had no Cotton & Politicians who wanted office, combined to misrepresent the agreement & also my position & intentions.

In the meantime I was called to the Legislature in Extra Session & returned home so perfectly prostrated in health that I was unable to attend to any duty whatever and feeling the importance of action in this matter, both to the people and the Government, I urged Col. Polk, if he could possibly feel justified under the circumstances to do so, to grant permits direct from his office & at same time collect the export duty, as I was unable from ill health to render any assistance and had no authority to substitute any one in my stead.

After consideration Col. Polk consented to assume the responsibility and act in the premises, until he could be advised by the Bureau.

Under this mode of management, the Cotton business began to work very smoothly & much former opposition ceased, as it so simplified the matter, that the Cotton holder, was enabled to get permit & pay export duty all once, whereas by the other arrangement, he had to wait



both on Col Polk & myself & then refused still further  
in the future, when permits were expected from yr  
Bureau, causing him much extra labour & time & delay.  
Having made the agreement for Exportation  
of Cotton, upon terms I hope favorable to the  
Government, I feel extremely desirous that the  
arrangement should go on successfully to the  
end, as it is called the Polk agreement and I  
regret to find that Mr Terry of Shelby County has  
been operating for privileges to himself under the  
Polk agreement, which is against the oppo-  
sition of the people to this measure, as Mr Terry  
has publicly advertised to charge the Cotton holders a  
Commission of 2 1/2 in Coin for his services in their  
behalf & if you desire one of his original  
hand-bills to that effect it can be forwarded  
to you. In the agreement I never contemplated  
charging the people anything for my services & so explain  
to them. Still for matter of convenience they prefer to go  
direct to Col Polk and I still hope that Mr Terry  
will write with me in recommending to yr consid-  
eration the policy of letting the people pay Export duty,  
& get permits direct from Col Polk. I cannot for a moment  
believe that Mr Terry could be influenced by  
the prospect of a 2 1/2 Commission in Coin out of the  
people, as to advise otherwise when the importance  
of prompt action in this business is so important  
to both people & Government, owing to the present  
condition of our Country. After donating one half  
of the Cotton to Government, it looks like



a violation of Equity to the Cotton holders to  
appoint any one with privileges of taking them with  
a Commission as it was certainly never contemplated  
or mentioned in our Conference or in the agreement  
when reduced to writing - If Mr Terry will act  
for the people 'Pro Bono Publico', there can

Certainly be no objection. Except as already shown,  
that it complicates & delays the business, to the discontent  
of those most deeply interested and there has already  
arisen so many obstacles, by the movements of our  
Army, rendering doubtful the possession & control of  
our County, & its Cotton, together with the delay in obtaining  
ropes & bagging, the scarcity of mules with which  
to Gin and the destruction of transportation,  
that I am reluctant to see anything permitted  
the tendency of which is to delay or block off  
even for a short time, - time is very limited &  
uncertain with us under the circumstances any  
way & you will need be here to see, feel  
and realize it, therefore may I be permitted  
respectfully to express the hope that this  
mode of conducting this business as now  
began, may be continued -

With Every respect I remain  
in haste Yrs Truly

Lawrence H. Belser  
Montello  
Frew County  
Ariz



Shreveport La. August 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col Wm A Broadwell,  
Chief of the Cotton Bureau,

In view of the late Order No 35 "to purchase or impress One half of the Cotton in the Trans Mississippi Depot," which includes the Counties of Drew, Ashley, and Chicot, Ark, and which from its bearing upon that portion of Country, as set forth in a petition herewith accompanying, I for myself & for others propose as follows - - - - -

First, I will furnish in said Counties One thousand Bales (1000) Cotton One half of which, shall be donated to the Confederacy in a spirit of Patriotism, and in the further consideration, that the Confederate Government allow the untrammelled use of the other half to the donors. -

The Government may by its agent visit the Plantations whereon said Cottons are, and receive for the Confederacy the portion so donated, receipting for the same accordingly.

The donors then to have full Control and Government protection in disposing of the remaining half at will, and at such points as may be hereinafter designated, that is to say, First-point at Gaines Landing, Chicot County, Ark, and if necessary to change point of delivery, the same to be agreed upon thereafter, with the agent of the Bureau - - -

It is believed that this will enable many of our Citizens to remain at home, and obtain Agricultural implements, - Cords, - Medicines, and Supplies absolutely necessary for the preservation of health, - life, - and the enlarged development of products hereafter indispensable to the wants of the Country and the support of our army if stationed upon us. - - - - -

If successful in having the afore-said One half of said Cottons disposed of, I then propose to take





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Monticello Arks

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1844

Genl

This will introduce to you Hon  
 Lawrence H. Belser of this State. He visits  
 Shreveport to see you on important business  
 to his Constituents - the people of Lewis  
 Ashley & Chicot Counties. Col B  
 will explain his Mission to you. I have  
 had the pleasure of knowing him for years -  
 served in the Senate of our State together.  
 he is yet representing his District in that  
 branch of our State Legislature. I ask  
 for Col Belser. I had an interview.  
 He is the representative man of these people  
 in this vast and rich section of country  
 and you are credited by them to speak  
 of their interest to you.

Very Respectly

Gent Yrs

J. P. Daquar

To Genl E. Kirby Smith  
Shreveport  
La

Your Petitioners of the 19  
Senatorial District composed of Greer, Chicot,  
and Ashley Counties, Respectfully Submit:

That as Loyal Citizens we respect and obey  
all Proclamations and Orders Made by our present  
Department Comdr; that we are willing to  
pay all taxes for Government purposes or  
that may be necessary to sustain our Union  
Army and while thus willing to comply with  
all such requisitions in view of the late  
Order to purchase or impress one Half of  
the Cotton of said District for Army purposes;

We from locality and long endurance  
of two Armies Stationed or visited upon us  
have concluded to Petition you through  
our Senator Hon S. H. Belser and Submit  
to your Consideration for our relief such  
Propositions as may be proper to offer laying  
the same before you in writing or verbally as  
you may wish; relying in your conception  
of ~~right~~ Justice and Consideration of our  
Condition we confidently await your action  
upon the representation of our Senator.

Wm. Montague  
Jacob F. Elder  
Mark F. Gordon



13 To Stanley  
Joseph Mott  
J. S. J. Coleman  
R. J. Strong  
J. P. Hutton  
C. R. Guinn  
J. S. Hign  
W. B. Rayland  
J. E. Cole  
Sam. S. Crain  
J. W. Payne  
E. Sandusky  
J. H. Hinton  
E. W. Good  
M. D. Jones  
W. F. Hills Clerk of Circuit  
J. H. Hinton  
E. H. Haynes  
J. J. Burt  
W. J. Wells  
F. M. Wells  
J. H. Hinton  
W. F. Bassell m. v.  
C. McDermott  
M. Clayton  
M. L. Gordon  
J. G. Gorton

26 To Hinton  
J. H. Hinton

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Hamburg 12<sup>th</sup> Feby 1864.  
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Maj Geo B Burton -  
Maj Geo H Robinson

In relation to the Chester  
Contract - & requesting that  
of the Execution of the said  
Contract be considered in-  
judicious - that the papers  
be referred back to him -

Office Chf Purchasing I M  
District of Arkansas

Feb 7 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst, concerning "Copy of instructions from Lt Col Broadwell Chf of Cotton Bureau of the I. M. Dept, relative to the introduction of army supplies from the enemy's country through the medium of cotton &c". Also enclosing copy of a communication from Maj: W. H. Haynes, Chief of clothing Bureau I. M. Dept, with regard to the purchase of "I. Masters Stores &c" - From your letter of instructions from Colonel Broadwell and Major Haynes, I am informed that you have been designated by the Lt Genl Comd the Dept as the proper officer to take possession & control of all the cotton (both Govt, and private) lying in the Counties of Dusha, Ashley, Drew and Christ, and to dispose of it in the procurement of I. Masters and other Stores from the enemy's Country - I therefore, Major, have the honor to refer to you the enclosed contract entered into by and between Mr Jas J Chidister and Major Wm H. Haynes I. M. C. & A. Army, representing the C States Government, which contract is based upon the use of cotton; and I will state for your information that this contract was forwarded to me in June last by Major Haynes with a letter of instructions directing me to see the contract carried out, that is, to receive the stores which the contractor might from time to time deliver, and



to pay for them in cotton according to the stipulations of the contract. - In Decr last this contract, as may be seen from my endorsement thereon, was extended by order of the D<sup>pt</sup> Commander, and the base of operations changed. In making this Endorsement and thus extending the contract, I was guided by the instructions of the D<sup>pt</sup> Commander, and by the Endorsement of the Sec, of War made upon a copy of his letter originally authorizing the making of the contract, which copy of said letter I also enclose herewith for your information. Mr Chidester proposes, and in fact is engaged in delivering stores in the Counties mentioned in your letter of instructions, and for which you have been designated as the proper Officer to superintend and control all operations based upon the use of cotton; - and, hence I respectfully refer him (with those papers, copies of contracts and letter of Sec. of War, and schedules of articles &c,) to you as the proper Officer to see his contract carried out, to receive the stores that he may furnish and deliver him cotton in payment - provided that his operations are confined to the Counties mentioned. If you do not deem it to the interest of the Government that this Contract existing as above stated between Mr Chidester and the U States be continued, you are requested to advise me to that effect, giving your reasons for so concluding, and referring Mr Chidester and these papers back to me, as the contract is to "expire at my discretion and election." I shall make my Ex<sup>ts</sup> Martin at Hamburg for some days and will gladly assist <sup>you</sup> to the extent

of my ability in forwarding such supplies as  
you may obtain

I have the honor to be Sir  
Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Jas R Burton

Maj; & I M  
P.A.C. 1-

Maj Jas T. Robinson

Actg for Cotton Bureau

Major Genl  
H. H. Henshaw  
Drill City

3210  
Candlen Ark  
11th Sept 1864

Wm J. B. Benton  
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Announcing his  
willingness to take  
charge of the cotton  
interests of the West  
of Arkansas.



Advs. Dist. of Arkansas,  
Camden, Ark.  
September 11. 1864.

Capt. W. C. Black,

A. G. Master,

Office Cotton Bureau

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yr. letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Aug., informing me that <sup>the</sup> Comdg. Genl. would like to have me connected with the Cotton Bureau, to attend to its interests in this District; and in reply I would observe that, to the fullest extent of my ability, I shall cheerfully attend to any duties which may be assigned me by the Genl. Commanding. As you suggest, my duties as Purchg. Agt. would, I presume, harmonize with such duties as I would have to perform were I acting for the Cotton Bureau.

As Purchg. Agt. in this Dist., confining myself strictly within the limits of the District, I can accomplish but very little, unless my operations are based upon the use of Cotton. The District yields but few of our stores, and my purchases are quite limited. Lately I have been east of the Miss. River as Genl. Transportation Agent, superintending the forwarding of Ord. stores to this District. My absence, therefore, accounts for my not responding more promptly to yr. communications.

I doubt very much whether any one can now so control and manage the Cash interest of this Dist. as to make it yield those advantages and facilities to the Govt., which should flow from such a source. However, if the duties are assigned to me, I shall endeavor to discharge

them faithfully and with all the energy and ability that  
I can command.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your  
earliest convenience: letters will reach me at District  
Headquarters.

I have the honor to be, Captain,  
Very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

Wm. B. Brewster

Major 10th

Regt. Infantry

Dist. Ark.

11th Sept 1864

Wm. B. Brewster

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Announcing his  
willingness to take  
charge of the cotton  
industry of the West  
of Arkansas.

Capt W. B. Black  
very dear Sir  
Yours of the 10th  
is to hand contents  
observed with  
interest. I fear  
this affair has  
been destroyed -  
but it can only  
be used as a  
purchasing medium.

I enclose you a  
rough draft of my  
letter to send further -  
Yours truly  
W. A. Sheddell

Houston  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Off. of Capt. Arch. H. Humphreys  
511  
Houston June 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Major E. D. Smith  
Chf. Insure  
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Stating the impossibility of purchasing  
or impressing Wholes in this Dist. &  
requesting facilities may be extended  
thru the Cotton Bureau to  
secure a supply of Animals.



Office Chief Insp'r Field Transp., Dist. Texas, &c.,

Houston, Texas, 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to the supply of Mules in this District, which is now almost exhausted. The number remaining in the County is not sufficient to efficiently carry on the Agricultural interests; and although I have sent Agents to every section of the State they have uniformly returned with little or no success.

I have or have now nearly One Thousand (1000) Mules completed and are turning out one One Thousand (1000) mules per month, with not less than 1500 desirable Mules on hand.

I am daily called upon for a large amount of Transportation and my inability to furnish same from lack of animals is proving very injurious to the public interests. Large demands are made for the Indian Country & the Frontier.

I have therefore to request that you may furnish me some facilities through your Bureau, having had several liberal propositions made for the supply of Mules to from Mexico, when sold at its equivalent value. I have secured these Animals. It is important to the public service.

I am, Colonel,

Yours truly,  
Col. H. H. Henshaw  
Chief of Bureau U.S. Army  
Houston  
Tex

Very truly  
Yours  
J. A. Smith  
Major

San Antonio 15 July  
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J. D. Bier

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Views & suggestions  
in reference to trans-  
portation - proposed  
etc etc

Bier now  
dead -  
file at  
Shreveport

San Antonio July 15<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Col W A. Mearns

Ch. Genl. Office &c &c

Colonel

I write to suggest some alterations in my contract with Col Hutchins in March last, which while a great convenience to me, will I think be equally conducive to the interest of your Department in the important duty of exchanging Cotton for Supplies.

That this Exchange can be better made in the Interior, and that the Govt should have as little to do with Transportation either way, as practicable, is generally conceded I believe after the magnificent failures of the Govt Cotton Agents for the past two years: further illustrated by the fact that much of Maj Bloomfield's Cotton started seven months ago has not yet reached this City! It would seem that the Govt through its cumbersome official machinery cannot attend to matters like transporting Cotton, where the performance is made up of a thousand petty details — each one requiring the sharpest individual attention, and each one affecting both expense and time.

All this trouble of transportation would be saved your Department by simply requiring delivery of Supplies in the Interior, and hauling over the Cotton at that point — certainly to as great an extent as Supplies could be there secured. This was the philosophy of my Contract with Col H in March last.

But this, while it relieves your Department, throws upon the Contractor a large amount of risk.



Expenditure of money and time, and an amount of Care and trouble not usually contemplated. It also requires in the Contractor, Energy, ability of a certain order, and a capacity and disposition to adapt himself to the changes and uncertainties of the business.

I think it but fair to claim, that when you find a Contractor who has the required supplies at command, and who moreover besides this has the Capital, Energy, ability and disposition to supply the Government with whatever it may need, delivered promptly at the point required, taking pay in Cotton at the same point, thus relieving the Government of all risk trouble and extra expense; that you should grant such a Contractor all reasonable facilities and encouragements instead of fettering, and hampering him with restrictions of no value to you, but which are embarrassing and injurious to him.

That I have shown the proper disposition and ability I may urge the fact, that despite the failure of Govt to provide an Inspecting Agent in Europe as stipulated in my Contract, and which failure overthrew the first arrangements for filling it, I actually brought to Market supplies worth at Contract prices over one million of dollars; and that I have a claim upon the Government over the Contractors and adventurers of the day. I may urge that my individual losses on these goods, from the failure of the Govt to take and pay for them, amounted to nearly \$300,000, with a further loss of \$200,000 on my share of the Cotton - or a total loss to myself of half a million - besides my heavy expenses for the past two years, and a loss of \$50,000 on the Security I deposited.

For these reasons I respectfully request from your Department

First that you give me as many facilities for the rapid exchange of supplies for Cotton as possible, by turning over to me on the Rio Grande and elsewhere (on the way) Cotton not otherwise appropriated

Second. To pledge to me the <sup>Govt</sup> Cotton of certain Counties, with an allowance for haul for such as are remotely East of Houston, — or to give me the Cotton at its actual specie value in those Counties But in this arrangement to assign me particularly the Counties of Wharton & Gonzales before mentioned

Third For all goods I first offer the Govt. but on its declining ~~sell~~ in whole or part, sell to the public for Cotton, the privilege of purchasing from your Bureau permits to export such Cotton (precisely as in the case of the medicines sold <sup>half to</sup> Mr Smith, and half to Mrs Elliott - druggist both in Houston) I paying for the permits in supplies before the same are issued

(Note, the object of this is to encourage as to offer all goods to the Govt. and allowing it to take exactly what it wants even to the division of packages)

Fourth. As it is very desirable for myself and my associates to own our teams, thus releasing us from a constant drain of specie to pay the heavy freights demanded, that the Govt make a nominal purchase of such complete <sup>male</sup> trains as I may turn over to it at  $\frac{3}{4}$  the their appraised specie value at Alleyton — the Govt advancing us Cotton in the Interior on such sale and giving us four months time to redeem the same out of the supplies we deliver, we retaining the use of said trains in the interim in our capacity of Govt Contractors. In other words the Govt advances  $\frac{3}{4}$  the value



of the trains on their being duly pledged therefore, taking proper bond for their delivery if forfeited, and their good condition in the mean time

Fifth that our business operations shall centre <sup>in part</sup> at Houston - the Railroad Center of Texas - and that the Govt grant us the prompt use of the railroads for the transportation we offer them. we of course pay for

My letter to Mr Howard Smith which I believe you saw, and my conversations with yourself, will give you an idea of a part of my transportation arrangement. Should it be your pleasure to grant me the facilities and encouragements above requested - taking at the same time all precautions against loss to the Govt - I am confident, that with the means and associates I can command, I can do much for the Govt, and that too in a prompt, straight-forward and honorable manner.

Respectfully asking for this communication the consideration that it, in all its bearings, seems to me to be entitled to.

I remain Sir

Very Respectfully

Your obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

H J Bisbee



Received from office  
 at Sept. 27th 1864  
 Messrs. H. & C. to  
 the Cotton Bureau  
 I have no orders or  
 authority to extend purchase  
 of cotton for the Treasury  
 Dept. at present.  
 J. J. Kilgus  
 and produce loan agent.

Memphis 28th Sept 64  
 James T. Douglass  
 Offering to sell cotton  
 to the Govt —

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[Faint handwritten notes and signatures]

Ad Genl Cotton Bureau  
Shenandoah 28th Sept 1864  
J. J. Bellinger Esq  
Genl Cotton Agent  
Sir

Map James & Draper  
Dear Sir to you, for account of the James  
Septent, One hundred & twenty five bales of  
average middling Cotton, at twenty five cents  
per pound - Which you will receive and be  
subject to orders. In selling this Cotton, Messrs  
J & D acquire the right under orders of the  
Commanding General, to export a similar number  
of bales of average weight & quality -

After delivery into your hands of the above Cotton  
you will please export to this Office, so that  
the gentleman may receive the proper exporting  
papers -

Respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servt  
W B Black  
Capt & A of M  
for Cotton & James

W. B. Blair  
Chap. Bureau & Substitutes  
Shanghai July 1st 1864  
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Wishing for information  
as to the ability of the  
Customs Bureau to furnish  
Articles in payment of  
Contingent purchases of  
Consuming Stores -



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Bureau of Subsistence, Dep't Trans-Miss.

Shreveport, La. February 1. 1864.

Colonel.

I have received instructions to purchase, if practicable, a quantity of subsistence stores, now at Monterey, Mexico. I estimate the cost at (\$60,000<sup>00</sup>) sixty thousand dollars.

As it will be necessary to make payment in cotton, I have the honor to request that you will inform me if an engagement to that effect can be entered into? If so, will you also advise me as to the terms; i.e. the time & place of delivery; the rate per pound, and the evidence upon which the cotton will be delivered?

I propose to receive the supplies at San Antonio, Texas.

As the time is limited within which the negotiation for purchase must be concluded, may I request your immediate attention to this subject.

Very respectfully,

W. B. Blair.

W. B. Blair.

Chf of Bureau.

St. Col. W. A. Broadwell.

Chf of Cotton Bureau. T. H. D.

Shreveport. La.

P.S. In the event of being able to make the purchase for cotton, I presume the Texas Board will make the necessary arrangements. I will be obliged if you will give me such information.

will have the same to do with

on this point as will serve to prevent any  
danger of misapprehension between your  
Bureau and this.

W. T. F. B. C. W.  
Chf of Bureau!

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20. Mrs. G. J. P. Casier.

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Bl. - fide

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Office of Lt. Col. Dist. of Texas  
Houston December 31

A. A. Woodward  
Lt. Col. Dist.  
Eng. Reg. Texas

Dear Sir

I refer to my letter of 21st inst. in reply to yours of 20th inst. in reference to private cotton marked 1/0 Jm

Although the turning cotton over to Hilmer & Co with order to sell is not in conformity with order #241. Still after consulting with Major Russell now here, and learning from him the impossibility of carrying out and complying with said order in the present embarrassed state of affairs, in this grade, I have concluded not to change Major Russell's instructions to you except that you will instruct Hilmer & Co to place proceeds of cotton sold to my credit as subject to my order above in a Government Office. This with approval of Major Russell and will enable me eventually to comply with order above referred to.

Respectfully for old doc  
(Signed) B. Bloomfield  
Major & Lt. Col. Dist. of Texas

A true copy  
A. A. Woodward  
Lt. Col. Dist.

Kings Place 64.  
Bayou Pierre 29<sup>th</sup> Sept

M. M. Payne

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La

Conduct of Germantown  
Cotton in Watchitochus  
Parish - Enclosed letter  
of B B Beazale  
referring to the same  
Subject.

Cotton Bureau 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 64  
Shreveport.

Reply of J. J. Bellamy  
Act. Prudence Loan, for  
his information.

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E.B.

W. B. Black  
Superintendent  
Felt & Son



Kings Place Bayou Pierre.  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Capt. W. C. Black.

Dear Sir.

I arrived here with Cotton Train from Texas yesterday. being ordered by Major Broadwell. to return and haul the remainder of this lot of Cotton. to Parker's Bluff on Trinity River. where the other lot was delivered. My Ox teams are so reduced, and in such bad condition. that I will be unable to use them until recruited, hence my train will be reduced to 5 or 6 mule teams this trip. which will only transport 35 or 40 Bales.

This lot of Cotton is in matched order. most of the Ropes have been cut off & stolen by Soldiers & others. The late storm blew down the shed. & hence much of the Cotton is destroyed by exposure to the weather. My load this time will probably take all that can be moved without unpacking. B. B. Brazeale informs me that he has reported to Capt. Miller at Alexandria. these facts. & made application to him for 6 or 8 hands. to fix up the Cotton. but has

heard nothing from him. This matter should certainly be attended to at once, as it not only involves great loss to the Govt. but causes great dissatisfaction among the people who see the Govt. Cotton wasting all over the Country. at the same time that if the Cotton is being impressed. Breague says he cannot procure the hands here. on account of their having been enrolled by the Labor Bureau. If you could send him an order from said Bureau for 6 or 8 negroes, it would be greatly to the interest of the Govt. to have these Cottons attended to as quickly as possible.

I am ordered by Major Broadwell to draw money for the expenses of the Train under my charge. from your Office. But I am so busy I have not time to come to Shreveport. So if you can place to my credit (\$800.00) Eight hundred Dollars. so that I can get it on my return I will use my individual funds. for the sake of saving the time it would take to go to Shreveport & return.

I am much troubled in procuring forage for my train by not having orders to receipt to Planters for their Tithed Corn. If you could get such orders & send them to me. it would be much.

better for the Stock under my charge as well as more convenient to myself. If you cannot procure such such orders. perhaps you could get me Blank, signed, Receipts that would do as well. Major Broadwell has informed me that he would get the necessary orders for me from Major Russell in San Antonio. but I will need them much before they reach me. from there.

Col Bragade received a fine Horse. off the Steam Boat the other day. about which there is no explanation. I thought possibly it was Col Broadwell's. Is it so?

The are all looking forward to the coming Gantew election with great hopes of Peace. & the spirits of the people in this section are very jubilant over the prospect. I am looking forward to a glorious Christmas in New Orleans. Aint you? Give my best respects to your Lady & family. Please write to me immediately at Natchitoches care Col Bragade. as I shall be detained here some few days repairing my wagons. Hoping to hear from you soon in regard to these Orders.

I am Resply Your obdfeck.

H. M. Payne.

Lt in Chy 1st Regt Mass



Office Chf. Lr. Mr. Dist. Texas  
Houston Decur. 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

Alg. H. Woodward  
Chf. Lr. Mr. Dist.  
Eagle Pass Texas

Dear Sir.

Yours of 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> inst are received, the former enclosing statements of cotton.

When I commenced shipping cotton on wagons, in order to secure transportation, I allowed all who would engage to haul cotton (besides the public rates for hauling) the privilege of taking 20% or 15<sup>th</sup> private cotton, unmolested, or in other words in every 100 Bales I furnished 80 Bales Govt. cotton and the party transporting had the privilege of furnishing 20 Bales of his own or private cotton, which was permitted to go through.

With this inducement, Wm. Barrett & Co. engaged largely in getting up and procuring transportation at Abington and Eagle Lake and have been of great service in moving ~~the~~ Govt. Cotton - From the quantity of Govt. Cotton shipped thro their agency they are entitled to take out free from all restrictions, some 500 to 200 Bales on their own account, they adopted the mark 0/0 & and in order that they should not be interrupted, they used (by my consent) Government Wagon receipts - This Cotton does not belong to Govt., and I have no control over it, except so far as to see that they get their own cotton according to contract - From this explanation, you will understand the nature of my contracts - not only with Barrett & Co. and others -

Barrett & Co. have sent out Mr. Lyons also Mr. Frank Hynes as their Agents to attend to their interests in this Cotton, and I have employed Wm. Barrett & Co. to receive Govt. Cotton at Eagle Pass.

Whatever Cotton marked 0/0 & you have received and sold you will account to them for deducting all expenses of transportation & commission - and all you have on hand or may receive you will turn over to them they of course to reimburse you for transportation &c.

Yours very respectfully  
(Signed) O. Blomfield  
Majr. & Chf. Mr.

A true Copy  
Alg. H. Woodward  
Chf. Lr. Mr. Dist.

Office of the  
Dist of Texas &c  
Houston Texas  
Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1863

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Bloomfield  
Major & Chf Q. M.

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Enclosing copy of  
a letter from Major  
Russell - relating to a  
contract he proposes  
entering into,

Major Bloomfield  
suggests that the contract  
be not entered into

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Recd. of G. O. Sept 25/63

Office of Chief Dr. Master  
Dist of Texas H. M. & Co.  
Houston Texas, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Capt E. J. Turner  
A. A. Gent.  
Sabine Pass, Texas.

Sir,

I have the honor to  
transmit herewith Copy of a letter from Major Chas Russell  
Chief Dr. M<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Division of Texas - for the information  
and action of the Major Genl Commanding - with the  
following remarks -

1<sup>st</sup> The Govt has no cotton at San Antonio Solids or  
Alleyton within my knowledge - except under control  
of Major Hart -

2<sup>nd</sup> The rates of commission for advancing & selling  
are very high - much higher than has been usual in our  
large cotton marts -

3<sup>rd</sup> - The Government allows no interest on advances -

In ad-  
dition to this I would respectfully suggest that no such  
contract as is proposed - should be made - for reasons -

1<sup>st</sup> That it would be in direct conflict with Major  
Hart & those regularly appointed to carry out the  
cotton department

2<sup>nd</sup> If Transportation can be had, those now engaged  
in the cotton dept, ought to be as able to procure  
it as, Major Russell - through their agents  
at Brownsville and other points -

3<sup>rd</sup> Cotton-laid down on the Rio Grande - under  
this contract would only give the Govt 8¢ per  
pounds. then it would have to be transported  
to a market in Mexico (perhaps Monterey or  
(over)



3rd

chinuahua) under the contract of the contracting parties - then to wait their pleasure, in being sold, which with undoubted security 7 1/2 % per annum interest - might incline them ~~then~~ to hold, for a better price -

1st

Cotton placed on the Rio Grande - by authorized Govt Agents, pay no such commission on sales or advances, or interest & when there is ready for meeting contracts already made and to be made at its full market value - which on (5000) Five thousand bales - would be some (\$600,000) Six hundred thousand dollars instead of (\$200,000) ~~at~~ Two hundred thousand dollars obtained as the advance at an additional cost to the Government of 16.1 Six to 11% Eleven per cent

5th

the expenses - of crossing the Rio Grande - paying Mexican duties, Storage &c. &c. &c. - would necessarily be large - all of which are avoided - in cotton passing through Major Hart's hands - As in many instances if not all - it is turned over directly for supplies already received - or to be received - The idea of sending cotton to a Mexican market, when it is needed for immediate use to fill contracts for supplies from Europe - is of it self a sufficient objection - besides the immense expense and loss in transporting cotton to the interior of Mexico and back to a sea port - if intended for Europe.

Yours Very Respectfully,

*W. B. Broun*

Major & Chief of Mr. Dist. of Texas &c

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Brig. Genl W B Hoagg  
Chief Staff

Had the honor to receive  
Sherrill's letter July 24<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Referring to the  
Barracks - We are  
convinced the improve-  
ment of the estate  
until the township  
is established  
by Genl. Sherman  
W B Hoagg  
Brig. Genl. Staff

Shrewport 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1864 -  
Committee of Safety  
Petition of the Committee of  
Safety to Genl Boggs - to suspend  
action upon certain Cotton -  
belonging to Jno Cannon -

Filed

Recd. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1864



Shreveport La Feby 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Brig. Gen. W R Baggs  
Chief of Staffs.

Sir

The undersigned, forming the Committee of Safety Caddo Parish, regularly appointed, by and representing the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, beg leave to state, that, some time in May and June 1862, They Took into their possession all the Cotton, within the limits of the Town of Shreveport and gave to the different Ware Houses, their receipts for the same, which receipts the Proprietors still Hold, and for which the Comtee are still liable to them, and it is further stated that said Committee removed the said Cotton beyond the limits of the Town of Shreveport and have had it under their Control, and in their Charge, ever since. It is further represented that, during the absence of Mr Hull, one of the Ware House Proprietors, an inexperienced Clerk in the employment of Mr Hull, went along with, one Capt Canon, without the Consent and Knowledge of the Committee and took from the Cotton Depot 159 Bales of said Cotton and had it removed to the Ware House of Hull & Co, and Your petitioners further state that as soon as the fact of this unlawful taking and carrying away of said <sup>leg. known</sup> Cotton, they pursued it, and took it again into their possession, and now hold the receipt of Hull & Co for the same in their act.

Your Petitioners have learned, that the said Cotton has been pressed, by the Govt, in consequence of some infringement on the transportation rules, and would here state that, said infringement was without their Knowledge, Consent or Concurrence, and as they are the true representatives of said Cotton, they respectfully ask, that the order to impress be rescinded,

Reuben White, W B Ball, D J Elder, V H Jones & Walter Calis  
Comtee Safety Caddo Parish

Shreveport. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 1863

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H. R. Boggs.

Dir. Genl. & Chf. of Stott-

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Referring to, Maj Williamson's  
instructions in regard to all  
Cotton Agents in Texas - including  
Maj Hart-

No 813

Head Quarter Dept. Trans. Miss:  
Shreveport, La., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1863

Colonel -

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. concerning Major Hart.

Major Williamson has special instructions concerning all cotton agents, including Major Hart, which instructions he will communicate to you in person.

I remain, Colonel,

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servt.

J. W. Briggs

Brig. Genl. & Chief of Staff

At Col Broadwell

Chief of Cotton Bureau

Houston Texas.



~~UP~~  
recd. 29th July 66

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M. R. Bogg  
Brig Kent &c

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Referring to the purchase  
of a block runner.

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or ledger entries]*

Office of the  
Houston Aug 4/64

Respectfully referred  
to L. C. & Broadwell  
Cotton Bureau -  
who alone control the  
Cotton resources of the  
Govt. in the Dept.

W. J. Hutchins

Recd. of me

W. J.

8-4-64

Dis. of the

W. J. B.

file at

Shreveport

No 3511

Mr Gns Trans Miss Dept  
Shreveport La July 29/64.

General,

The Genl Comdg directs me to say that Col Hutchins is made the purchasing officer through the agency of cotton.

Instructions from the War Dept are positive and restrictive both, in regard to the employment of agents from this Dept abroad.

They state that all purchases can be made through Mr Helm the Confederate agent at Havana.

If Col Hutchins thinks it expedient and advisable that a steamer be purchased by the Government for block-ade-running, he is authorized to send Comdr Leon Smith as his agent for that purpose, to make the purchase with the cotton referred to and Comdr Smith can take command after the purchase.

To save the dignity of the Confederate agent at Havana, Comdr Smith should be provided with a letter to Mr Helm, and with instructions to consult & advise with him before making the purchase.

Very Respectfully  
Yours at at Dept  
N R Briggs

Per Gen & Chf of State

Wm G. M. Magruder  
Comd'g



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4<sup>th</sup> An. Trans. Sup. Dept.  
Shreveport. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1864.

M. R. Boggs

Brig Genl & Chief of Staff.

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Enclosing letter of G. A.  
Hayward Lt Col. & in  
regard to the adjustment  
of the claim of Milnor  
& particularly with respect  
to Maj S. Hart -

Recd 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1864.

Cotton Bureau  
Trans. Sup. Dept.  
San Antonio. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 1864

Respy returned.  
With the information  
that I wish Mr  
Milnor, in Houston  
prior to the date of  
Leal Haywards letter,  
he accepted a propo-  
sition. which I made  
him, to turn over  
the 1<sup>st</sup> 3000 bales  
of cotton & goods in  
certain counties -  
The cotton is partially  
delivered. our agreement  
was reduced to writing  
and signed - since  
which I have heard  
no complaint from  
Mr Milnor -

W. A. Browder  
Lt Col

1728.

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Heard his name some 200 ft  
away from the ship 23/1864

ok Colman

This year came  
by canoe, one to another copy of other  
by canoe, better south and north  
than seen some times, getting the  
account of the same then.

I saw some people  
by the ship  
1870 1871  
By the ship 1870

Full of people  
Camp of some of them  
from the ship

Chester  
Shreveport La  
August 18th 1864.

General

About the 1st inst. being in San Antonio  
I was requested by Mr. P. Wilmo of Newberg  
office to make the following statement  
to Genl. Smith, viz: that up to that time,  
he had recd. but fifty four or fifty six  
bales of cotton out of the debt due him by  
the Confederate States which amounted to  
about 700 bales. Also that Capt. H. Hart  
had required him to pay the freight on  
the 'fifty' six bales of cotton to San Antonio,  
and that the agreement made by him with  
the Confederate States Commission was  
that the cotton was to be delivered to him  
by the first of April free of charges.

Very Resp<sup>y</sup> yr. obt. Ser.  
(signed) G. J. Hayward  
Sr. Col &c

Brig. Genl.

W. R. Bagg

Adj. of Staff

Shreveport La.

Det. Gen. Mans trip Sept.  
Shreveport, La. 23 Sept 1864.

Official  
H. P. Pratt  
Colonel



M<sup>rs</sup> Ous J. M. W.  
Shrewport 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1864.

W. R. Boggs  
Brig Kent &c.  
300

Referring to the endorsement  
of Col. W. A. B.  
on letter of Col. Hetchins.  
with respect to prints.

No 3045

Hd. Qrs, Trans. Miss. Dept.  
Shreveport, May 31<sup>st</sup> 1864

Col:-

In your endorsement on Lieut Col. Hatcher's letter, dated April 28<sup>th</sup> 1864, you state that a great many permits have been issued at Dept. Hd. Qrs. which defeats the orders of the General, himself, to the cotton office.

The Commanding General desires you will enumerate the permits referred to—

I am, very respectfully,

Your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>,

W. W. Briggs

Brig. Gen. & Chief of Staff.

Lieut. Col. Broadwell,  
Chief Cotton Bureau.

177  
1st Lieut. Dransfield Wapt  
Shrewsb. 23<sup>d</sup> July 1862  
557

W. R. Boggs.

Brig General of Staff

425

Instructions in regard to  
Quarterly returns from  
this office.



No 3471

No Ans. Chan. Mf Dept  
Shreveport La, July 23<sup>rd</sup>/64

Colonel,

In your next report of the operations of your Office, as required by circular of March 9<sup>th</sup> 1864 from these Headquarters, you will state the number of officers, Agents and employees in your Dept.; and also the amount of money you have received and expended.

I am, Col,

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt

J. W. Briggs

Br. Genl & Chf of Staff

Lt. Col. Broadwell  
Chf Cotton Bur.

Maj. Genl.

" Haynes

" Hill

" Thomas & Co. & Co.

W. R. Boggess

538

a 528

Copy

Allen A. W. Gov

requesting permit for exporting  
230 bales cotton  
CB 3138

a 530  
" " " "

requesting permit for 40 bales cotton  
CB 3138

Endorsement

CB 3138

Major J. M. Septent

June 21st June 1864

Major Allen A. W. Gov. D. P. A. C. S. will pass the  
cotton described within as state property, upon  
proper evidence of state ownership, and on  
payment of export duty required by law -

The wagons and teams needed for the transportation  
of this cotton will not be impounded or molested

By order of Genl. Smith

Signed W. R. Rogers

Brig Genl & Chief of Staff

Official

W. R. Rogers  
a. a. g.



559  
Shreveport 47<sup>th</sup> St. N. W.

W. R. Rogers

Buy Haul

23/0

Asking if it is  
deemed necessary  
to purchase all  
the clothing  
Blankets & shoes  
at Galveston  
Houston & San Antonio

acted upon

get back  
filed

4000.

Hq. 2nd. Div. Miss. Dept.

Memphis Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Colonel,

I am directed by the General Com-  
manding to call your attention to the  
enclosed copy of a letter from Major  
Hoyes, and to ask what your expectations  
are in regard to the supplies required,  
also to know if it will be necessary to  
resort to such extreme measures. That he  
does not wish to do so if it can be avoid-  
ed.

I am Colonel

Very Respectfully

Wm. O. A. Devot.

W. R. Briggs

Bri. Genl. - Chf. of Staff

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell

Chf. of Cotton Bureau.

H<sup>d</sup> Qrs, <sup>13</sup>Trans M<sup>t</sup> Dept  
Shreveport 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1863

W. R. Bagg.  
Brig Genl & Chf of Staff.

Writes in regard to the  
views of the St Genl Comdg  
with respect to establishing  
Agencies-

Maj Minter to go abroad  
Establishment of an Agency  
at Brownsville Texas



No 74

H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> Dept Trans Miss  
Shreveport La, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

Colonel,

I am directed by the  
Lt Gen<sup>l</sup> Com<sup>d</sup> to inform you that for some  
time he has had in consideration the subject  
of your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>.

The Agencies you propose establishing  
should be in charge of persons of established  
probity, and who are familiar with all the  
wants of an army.

Major Munter  
will probably be sent abroad as one of  
his agents.

While at Brownsville  
you will take the necessary measures for  
establishing such an agency as you pro-  
pose, but will not put them into operation  
until you have consulted the Lt Gen<sup>l</sup> Com<sup>d</sup>.

I am, Colonel,

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Serv<sup>t</sup>.

W. H. P.  
Brig Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Chief of Staff

Lt Col H. A. Broadwell  
Chf of Cotton Bureau

Shenandoah 25th Oct 1861

W. R. Boggs

Brig Gen & Chief of Staff

545

Directing the Sme "Jacks"  
to be turned over the  
Q. M. Dept. for

212 31

5 0 0

Heard the Horn (Horn) Sept  
Stamps in Oct 4 '1864

Captain

He is a Minister & has  
made the Declaration Sept, the  
Stamps in the supply  
of the United States -

By Sept

has 2 stamps in

ADDCB 288

By Sept 28th

To Capt W. C. Black

Exchange of Dec. 1864  
Stamps in



24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1864  
W. R. Rogers  
By hand

2311

Directing 1,000 bales  
of cotton placed  
at the disposal  
of my Deputy  
for the purchase  
of roubles

Acted upon  
file

3496

Hd Qtrs Trans Mkt Dep

Shreveport, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Colonel:

I am directed by the General  
Commanding to call your attention  
to my letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> inst, No 3927.

He desires me to urge upon  
you the necessity of immediate action,  
the Department is very much embarrass-  
ed for want of transportation.

I am, Colonel,

very respectfully,

Yours at service,

W W Breyer

Breyer Genl Staff.

To Col W A Bradwell

Ct Cotton Bureau.

3927 (C11)

McClellan's Trans. Miss. Sept.  
Providence La, Sept 14/64

Colonel:

Have directed by the Genl Comd  
to Enclose herewith a letter from Major  
Ducayot, and to direct that you please  
assign as possible at Brunswick, Tex, one  
thousand bales of Cotton to be used as spe-  
cific for procuring mules.

The Sept can do nothing at the  
present time for the want of transportation  
and he is determined not to impress the  
animals of planters, farmers &c.

He desires that you will inform  
him definitely at to the time the Cotton  
will be at Brunswick.

Ducayot, General,

Very Resp. Frd. Secy.

(Sgd) W. R. Baggs.

Br. Genl Chf. of Staff;

McClellan's Trans. Miss.  
Chf. Genl Comd Bureau

Official  
H. P. Peard  
Adj. Genl



563 Marshall Texas  
Nov 19, 1864  
Benj A. Potts.  
682

In regard to tithes Cotton  
and its condition

Answered  
Potts

For in Kind Dear Mr. Asst. Asst.  
Marshall Texas Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col.

I am duly in debt your returned favor of  
17<sup>th</sup> inst and herewith return the letter of  
Gen. Morehead as requested. I shall have the  
condition of Cotton, at the points named by  
you, looked into immediately and hope soon to  
have an officer travelling over the Dept to  
examine particularly into the matter.

The officers of this branch of the service have  
but limited means for preserving the Cotton  
and as the law does not require the Producer  
to cover his bales with bagging & rope, the  
condition of the Cotton when it is delivered  
is more frequently the cause of waste than the  
neglect of ~~the~~ Agents. The Agents of  
the Cotton Bureau in Texas have made reports  
of waste &c. & learn. one of these was forwarded to  
me and an investigation resulted in the enclosed  
report which I forward for your information and  
to show that these Agents were sometimes very  
hasty. Please return it to me. I shall be  
much obliged Col if you will advise me of  
any cases which may come to your knowledge  
when the Cotton is not properly cared for.

To

Col. Broadwell

Most respy Col

Wm. A. R. S. S.

Wm. A. R. S. S.

56<sup>1</sup>  
Manila Nov 14/64  
Ben A. Betty

Asking information  
on the subject of  
introducing sailing  
by the ship -

Ans. Nov 16/64

Case - none



56  
Marble Trust 19/64  
Ben A. Betty

Acting information  
On the subject of  
intending sailing by  
W. of the ship -

Ans. Nov 16/64

Tax in Kind from Miss Dept  
Marshall Texas Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Capt.

I enclose you a letter from one of the  
officers collecting tax in Kind in the State of  
Arkansas, relative to the purchase of sacks, the  
which are much needed by us, for collection of  
small grain. Please advise me whether anything  
can be done in the premises. From our recent  
conversation on the subject of sales cotton in that  
section I presume you can give me the necessary  
information.

Yours very truly  
Benj A. Holt  
Supr

do  
Capt W. C. Black  
Cotton Bureau  
Memphis.

Marshall Texas  
Nov 6 1864  
Pony A. S. Galt  
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Act information regarding  
exempting Cotton in favor  
of S. A. Wharton

Shreveport  
23<sup>d</sup> Nov 1864

Respectfully referred  
to Capt V. G. Mills  
Chief of the Texas  
Cotton office,  
who is authorized  
to exercise his  
discretion in the  
matter,

W. A. Brundage  
Sgt. (L. Col)

Ans - none



Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Major Botts

I am perplexed about a matter of business and have decided to ask if you can aid me in the matter -

In the spring of 1863, I started to Greenville 18 Bales of Cotton of the crop of 62. before it reached its destination the place fell and the Cotton was of course stopped - Since then it has been forwaded, and upon its arrival was seized as there was no exemption - In order to get it through I have had to give as much Cotton here - Now I am law-abiding, but as I have heard that several persons who had cotton exactly in same condition have had them excused - Such as this was made, before any laws upon the subject were passed, and started to market so long since, I do not think it ought to be made subject to laws made since it left home - Please see Judge Gray on the subject and if I am right, wish you to write me -

Yours Truly  
(Signed) J. A. Wharton

Col.

Now I have your extract of letter received by me from the Mother of Maj Genl Wharton - and have to ask whether she can be excused from payment of the cotton mentioned in Judge Gray suggested I should apply to you for the information as the action taken was by the Bureau - It appears

Col W. R. Bradwell  
Shreveport

Yours very respy  
Genl A. Botts

Marshall Tex Nov 11 / 64  
565 Prof A. A. Batts.

Enquiring where the *Tethys*  
Exposed is located,

736

Answered 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

119  
Fair in Kind Trans. clip Dept  
Marshall Texas Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col.

I learn through Hon J. W. Gray  
that you stated to him during your recent  
visit - that some of the Little Cotton was  
stored in exposed places, without shelter and  
proper care.

Will you be pleased to inform  
me of the localities so, to the end that I may  
take the proper steps for investigating such  
cases, and have the Cotton properly cared  
for is

I am very desirous to correct  
any abuses in the Little Deptmt and shall be  
much obliged for the information asked in

Very respectfully

Prof. A. Dotts  
Impre,

To  
Col W. L. Woodruff  
Cotton Bureau  
Chattanooga



Marshall 566  
24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1864.

537  
Benj. A. Botts.  
Major

Fort in Mind S. M. A.  
Manhattan Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Dear Capt.

Quore of 22<sup>d</sup>. by  
Courier has been received,  
but the letter sent by mail,  
alluded to, has never been  
received. Please send me  
copy of same.

Yours very truly  
Benj A. Bette

allow me to congratulate you on  
the 'enrolment' of another soldier  
for defence of the S. C. in Hope  
Mm A and the Fair are well,

567  
Matamoros 22<sup>nd</sup> July 64

R. Boultin

2238

In regard to Baggins  
& Ruffin

Acted in person  
for file at  
Shreveport  
W.A.B.



719  
Montauk July 22. 1864

Mr H. J. Anderson  
Houston

Dear Sir

I have on the way to  
Corado 15000 Gals Bagging and Nails &c  
in accordance Will you please call on  
the Cotton Bureau and make them an  
offer of the same delivered at Corado at the  
following prices

Bagging 15¢ per Gal  
Nails 30 " " "

You will see by calculation that the two are  
at least one third cheaper than Rope &c  
the duties are much less than on Rope

At above prices the articles are deliverable  
at New Corado and of course the purchaser  
would have to pay export and import duties

I should take in payment cotton at  
Corado at Market rates please write  
me at Corado I am in hopes you may  
succeed in getting some cotton on the way  
by collecting from the Government

Mr Smith to this date has not returned  
from Havana. The Canals are being  
dredged for Orleans at this time  
Have dismantled the Fort and Earth Works  
There but remains fast fire on this  
side  
R. Butler

San Antonio 29<sup>th</sup> Aug

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E A Boleyn

2296

Referring to the business  
of Maj Hart  
& Capt Ransom

file at  
Sherrinport

A. S. W. Co. Office

San Antonio August 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ad

Representing Capt Geo C. Ransom as a friend I take the liberty to state to you for your information in reply to your favor of the 28<sup>th</sup> inst, that Capt Ransom on receiving his Orders from General E. Kirby Smith was under the impression (not having received any orders to report to you for instructions) that his transactions would be independent of the Cotton Bureau till until May Hart's business was closed, and by relieving May S. Hart still carry out the instructions received by May Hart from the War Department, at the same time Capt R. was not aware and not informed of the Orders from Dept Hd Qrs forbidding Cotton belonging to May Hart's service to cross the Rio Grande River.

On his arrival here he found his hands tied by these orders, and recognizing you the proper authority to apply to for instructions he did so, but not hearing from you he as you are aware went to Houston to see you personally, learning in his arrival that you were in San Antonio, he requested by letter May S. Hart to represent him, aware that Capt R. is dissatisfied with the present state of affairs. I would most respectfully ask you on his behalf, and if not interfering to much with the public interest, to delay your departure for a day or two, satisfied that Capt. R. will arrive here to day or to morrow, he having left Houston last Friday.

I do not know whether Capt R. will endorse my actions on his behalf, but am solely actuated by motives of friendship and my respect for him as an officer to make this request.

The Cotton belonging to Capt R. service at Eagle Pass and Laredo has been ordered to be shipped in accordance with your instructions.

Lt Col W. A. Mendenhall  
Chief

3 Jan (at Long Copy &c)

E. J. Polaris



715  
14<sup>th</sup> March 1869  
Boulevard, R., & W.

In regard to the  
indicated exp. on  
them

file

Cotton Bureau  
Memphis 14<sup>th</sup> March 1869  
Respy. refers to  
my Mrs. G. Rutt.  
This proposition is made  
at my request. If  
my Rutt thinks the  
quantity of cotton  
named herein, insufficient  
to cover the indebtedness  
of these gentlemen he  
is Respy. request &  
to increase it & I need  
I will cheerfully re-  
-commence. (If this trans-  
action be promptly & sat-  
-isfactorily closed). That  
directions be given me  
to turn over the cotton,  
W. A. Brownell  
L. E. Leach

7800

Colonel,

Glenside, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1864

The letter of instructions from Dept 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> to Lt Col Hutton to settle the claim of Bouddin & Co. The fear will involve delay, & the women prefer to make the settlement here. The intent to deliver to May Rhett, additional stores already purchased to swell our claim, to \$200,000, in gold to be paid in cotton in accordance with the contract. We are informed by you that Col. Smith has been appointed \$120,000 for the sale of gold or its equivalent, for cotton in the same lines. The purpose to secure in liquidation of our debt of \$200,000 in gold, a request which we think May Rhett will cheerfully sign for 2000 bales of cotton to be met by you out of cotton where it has. Each of the Ouchitta, River. Said cotton to be exempted from discrimination & improvement with export privileges.

Shreveport July 23, 1864

Boudin & Russell

||||

advising of 200 Bales Cotton in the hands  
of Capt Stone & Co. Bureau which they  
wish an order for if not otherwise  
disposed of

In the event of delivery  
Maj Lewis will invoice the  
Cotton to Maj Russell and  
get his receipt for it

W. A. Boudin &  
L. E. Russell

Shreveport

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1865

Reply referred  
to Maj R. M. Lewis  
who will cause  
the 200 Bales  
discussed herein  
to be delivered  
to Messrs. Boudin  
& Russell. Pro-  
vided the Cotton  
in question has  
not been otherwise  
appropriated -

SB 740

W. A. Boudin &  
L. E. Russell



Champaign La  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Col W A Broadwell

Sir.

We have received information from Capt Stone, agent for the Cotton Purchase in Freestone County Texas, that he had belonging to the Govt, in that County (200) two hundred bales of cotton which he had no order to deliver to any one & that he is anxious to deliver the same when properly authorized to do so. We would respectfully ask of you that you order the same if not otherwise disposed of to be delivered to us in payment of the bonds of Gen Smith we hold for stores furnished.

Respectfully yours

Baldwin Threlwell

Thompson Jan  
July 25<sup>th</sup> 1865-

Respectfully referred to Capt W M Barnett  
who will deliver at his earliest convenience  
1532) Five hundred ~~twenty~~ <sup>thirty two</sup> Bales  
of cotton to Messrs Bouldin & Russell using any  
cotton not already appropriated, for this  
purpose to such an extent as Capt Barnett  
can deliver cotton on this order he will  
report to me the weight and invoice the  
same to Messrs Bouldin & Russell who will  
receipt to him for the same

(Signed) W A Broadwell

At New

This is endorsed on the back of your  
order of the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 1865-

Bouldin & Russell

372 Austin Texas  
Oct 24 1867  
J. W. Gouldin

in regard to settlement of  
claim due B. R. Walker

725

entered upon at  
Austin see letter book



Austin Texas - Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col W. A. Broadwell

Chf Cotton Bureau - "D. T. M."

Sir - In reply to your proposals of yesterday, as to the settlement of the claim due the firm of which I am a member, I have to say, that I am greatly disappointed in your response to Gen Smith's letter dated at Philadelphia August 24<sup>th</sup> 1864 -

In that letter he desires that steps be taken for the payment "without delay" of this debt - \$103,854<sup>00</sup> -

He evidently expects you to issue definite orders for its prompt payment - In your letter to Capt Wells you have given no definite order for its settlement, then is no certainty whatever as to the time (if ever) in which we would be paid under your letter -

~~My communication to Capt Wells~~ I purpose however addressing a communication to Capt Wells, with the view of eliciting a definite affirmation or negative reply from him as to the probability of obtaining the cotton in Falls & Brazos Counties - I confess I have no great hope of a favorable answer from him in the absence of a positive order from you -

I wish it to be understood distinctly by thus writing for information to Capt Wells - I do not in any manner commit myself to an unconditional acceptance of your propositions - After receiving Capt Wells's reply I will adopt such means as will be most likely to insure the payment of this claim - Resptly &c

D. W. Menden

San Antonio

27<sup>th</sup> Aug 184

Bentin Riggall Walker

2294

Asking an order on  
Wm Perkins to  
pay their claim

file at

Shrine

San Antonio Aug 27, 1864

Col H. A. Broodwell (by Cotton Office)  
Dear Sir

We addressed a letter to Col Bentchin the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst - stating that our agents had just returned from a third trip to Yucata without collecting any of the amt due us as per settlement with your office the last payment - of which was to have been made July 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

We also asked at the request of May Perkins that your office send him an act of settlement & the amt and after deducting value of 500 Bales of Cotton already delivered

We have heard nothing of our letter or request - up to this date.

We have just recd a letter from our agent - sent to Yucata dated Aug 23, stating that May Perkins could not pay our claim or any of it without an order from you. Please send an order to May Perkins to pay our claim & also a copy of said order to our address San Antonio.

Yours Res-

Bouldin Riggs ~~Walter~~



San Antonio 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 4  
Boulden Riggs & Walker

2295

Referring to their<sup>mt</sup>  
Claim - please see

Answers  
to file at  
Chambers

H. V. A. B.

San Antonio 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 1864  
Lt Col W. A. Bradwell  
Chief Indian Bureau

Dear Sir

In your communication bearing date of to day you say that you have done nothing to interfere with any arrangements made by Col Hutchins to liquidate the amount due us but since you reached here you had learned that the means provided by Col Hutchins had been seized by the military and appropriated. Based upon Col Hutchins promises we now have an agent on the Rio Grande to receive the money and as we expect to communicate with him in the morning we wish to be informed whether Mr Perkins will be warranted in paying over to our agent what money remain in his hands & the means provided by Col Hutchins to liquidate that debt or will he have to hold it subject to your order. You have frankly informed us that you had not interfered with any provision made by Col Hutchins

to pay us. If it requires your order  
before Mr Perkins can give over the  
balance in his hands provided for  
us and you withhold that order it  
is not only interfering but stopping  
the payment altogether. By giving  
an early answer to the above you will  
put it in our power to give our agent  
definite instructions.

Respectfully  
Bouldin Riggs & Walker



Col. W. R. T. Bradfute

3-7/6  
Houston Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

32  
Suggesting in regard to the  
protection of Government trains  
en route for Mexico.

Hd gms. Cotton Bureau  
Gloucester 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1863

Respy refers to Aug  
Gen W. R. Briggs for  
his information etc,

W. A. Bouverell  
H. L. Leach

Houston 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1863

Col. W. A. Broadwell

Colonel.

In reply to the enquiries made this day I would submit the following as briefly expressing the most advantageous plan that had suggested its self to me as a means of insuring protection to the Government trade with Mexico.

Five Companies of Cavalry (now connected with Commands in this State) were organized early in the war composed of men thoroughly acquainted with the whole Country west of the Texas River.

Under the command of a vigilant officer, these Companies with recruits that could be gathered from ex-Confederates and State Service would give sufficient force to afford secure transit of all Government trading by any specified route.

They would require only sufficient subsistence and ammunition to place them in the field for all other future supplies could be procured on the Rio Grande.

With the increase of numbers, their operations would extend down the river (where their perfect knowledge of the Country would give them great advantage) and would result in a short time in opening the whole of the Rio Grande and driving the enemy from Brownsville.

Respectfully

Yours obediently

W. A. Broadwell  
Col. C. S. A.

29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1862  
 Mr. B. B. B. B.  
 Mr. B. B. B. B.  
 Mr. B. B. B. B.



Austria. 29<sup>th</sup> Octob 1864

Dear Antonio,  
my dear Sir -

I have the honor to acknowledge yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> accompanied by a package containing 12 handsome gold stars beautifully engraved - which I shall have delivered to Genl Smith. With your letter testifying this testimony of worth and admiration -

I doubt not a compliment so delicate and in such excellent taste will be accepted & highly appreciated -

It has afforded me pleasure to observe that the character of Genl Smith is judged correctly by the people of this empire Southern State -

At times I have doubted the propriety of any one to command this great Department -

Genl Smith has been laborious faithful and efficient, He is gallant & true conscientious & just, blending the qualities of a <sup>Patriot</sup> ~~Patriot~~ and Christian of a soldier and citizen - as also those of the courteous gentleman in lofty dignified station. He constitutes

the Chevaliers Bayers of our army  
& comrades. those who know better  
shall that it would be sufficient to  
duplicate the business

I am hardly able that it was  
gratifying to visit you in San Antonio.  
In remembrance of these days I  
say, I beg permission to request  
that if I should see where I  
can be useful. you must not  
hesitate to consult, and if necessary  
command me, Respectfully  
Yours

W. A. Broussard

Natchitoches Parish La

25<sup>th</sup> April 1864.

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M. W. Brazel

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Asking a service of  
Col M. A. Broadwell

132 at 100

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Plantation, April 25th 1864

Col. W. A. Brewster

Chief Cotton Bureau

Dear Colonel:

I am very sorry to have to trouble you with personal matters when I am sure you are engaged with more important public ones, still "Necessity knows no law" & I hope you will be able to render me the service I ask of you, with little inconvenience to yourself.

I am anxious to get an exemption from conscription directly from Dept. Hdqrs. and without having to take a trip to Shreveport which would be <sup>not only</sup> very inconvenient at this time but almost impossible, on account of my health. I enclose you my application addressed to Col. Anderson, A. A. Supt. which you can hand in for me, and try to <sup>have</sup> ~~be~~ favorably considered, I hope you will do what you can in the premises. I am aware that this is not altogether regular but not without precedent & I hope to be an exception. I also enclose you order of Supt. Taylor showing that I left the ~~Army~~ <sup>Service</sup> by the advice and with certificate of the Surgeon of my Regiment. So the best you can do & you will oblige me very much.

Mr. Payne and Family are well. They speak of going below as soon as the road is clear. Our train, negroes & I have arrived safely. My crop is very fine though needing work. Our logs on the plantation from the Yankees not far off.

The negroes took advantage of their arms to such  
 a northern climate. Our Parish has suffered  
 terribly. Many, many large plantations are  
 left without a living soul or creature of  
 any kind to view the ruin & desolation around.  
 How the people are to live I cannot see.  
 Mr. P. has not yet heard from Barbree. He  
 has reasons for believing that it has not suffered  
 much. Let me hear from you soon.

Yours very truly

W. W. Breckin

W. W. Breckin 212 25th April W. W. Breckin
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Natchitoches Parish La

4<sup>th</sup> March 1864.

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W. W. Breazeale

Proposing to sell 200 bales of  
cotton - on certain conditions

At a gens Cotton Bureau  
Shreveport 8<sup>th</sup> March 1864  
Respectfully ref<sup>d</sup> to Mr S. J.  
Belmont, purchasing agent.  
For his action, with the  
recommendation that the Master  
offer of W W Breazeale be  
accepted of his Cotton, by receipt  
of the Master as given for  
the same -  
W B Black  
Capt & agt. M.  
Genl Chief of Bureau



Plantation, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1867

Maj. J. D. Broadwell

Camp Thorne

Major

Sell the Govt <sup>two</sup> hundred <sup>more or less</sup> bales of cotton, now in the sub. provided I am furnished with the necessary quantity of bagging and rope to put it up. As to be delivered to the Govt when framed and pressed.

The price to be that given at this time for "middling" cottons. Your early attention and answer will much oblige

Yours Respectfully  
W. W. Broadwell

579.  
Katharine  
May 22 1864

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W. W. Bragdon

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Cotton burned  
by C. S. Ser 1-  
anti

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Breazeale Plantation, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Mr J. T. Belknap  
Ag<sup>t</sup> for purchase of cotton

Sir:

About the 1<sup>st</sup> March  
last I sold the Government, through you,  
two hundred (200) bales cotton, to be deliv-  
ered as soon as the requisite quantity of  
bagging and rope were furnished to pack  
it up. This cotton was burned by order  
of Genl Taylor, on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
April by Cap<sup>t</sup> Murphy charged with  
the execution of a general order to  
"destroy all cotton likely to fall into  
the hands of the enemy". I enclose you  
vouchers for the amount due me, which  
you will please pay over to Mr Packham  
Am<sup>y</sup> oblige

Respectfully  
Yours &c &c  
N. N. Breazeale

I Certify that all of the above cotton was destr-  
oyed by the Military authorities being present  
when the cotton was burnt.

J. P. Broadwell  
Mayor C.S.



Matchlock 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 64  
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B. B. Breazale

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Reports Condition of Sewer  
Cotton in Matchlock Church  
ill health &c

Natchitoches Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Capt. H. C. Black.

Sir

Yours of the 12 of August -  
came to hand this morning. in obedience  
to your order I will report to Capt Miller.  
I have reported to that office, but have not  
as yet made a full examination of the Govt  
cotton in this "Parish". I have been unable to  
do any duty for two weeks. on account of  
ill health. I reported the fact to Capt Miller  
and I hope it was satisfactory. Also enclosed  
certificate, of my attending physician.

Yours Truly  
W B Breyer

Washburne 581  
Feb 4 1865  
B2 D30  
T.B. M. Quigley.

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Enclosing appointment as  
Deputy C. S. Marshall,  
Asks for a discharge

Shrumpson La  
Feb 9 1865

Respy referred  
to Capt J. F. An-  
derson - This  
man was detailed  
to me on Surgeon  
Certificate upon  
application of  
Capt Blunt in  
Aug. last - I  
have no further  
use for him

W. A. Brewster  
EB 721

Ad. Gen. Order. Minor Depart.  
Shrumpson. Feb. 14. 1865.  
Respy. returned to the  
medical - There is no  
law authorizing a discharge  
in this case.

By order of  
Genl Smith  
P. B. Deane  
Major & Asst.



Natchitoches Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Col H. A. Broadwell

Dear Col.

You will have found  
enclosed my appointment as Deputy  
marshal, of the Confederate States.  
You will be so kind as to get my  
discharge.

I will still do any thing  
you wish, about the Cotton in this  
Parish.

Let me hear from you as soon  
as possible.

Yours Truly,  
B. B. Brazier

is upon us And then, upon understanding  
to get off with our men and horses  
teams & weapons. Taken from us  
This is what I fear. ~~As I am a~~ ~~my~~ ~~weapons~~  
will guarantee that ~~we~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~  
and teams will not be ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~  
will not leave, but ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~  
a crop and remain till ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~  
the ~~country~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~

Stefitwch 25 Nov 14

Richmond, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col. N. A. Brewster

Shreveport

Dear Colonel:

I thought  
uncertain when to find you, & try by the  
way of the Capital & Metropolis, the Hd  
Qrs of our hopes and fears. I am on  
the eve of starting for Texas to procure  
a place of refuge, in case I am forced  
to remove my property, either from  
the enemy or the impinging Agents of  
our Military Authorities. I am very  
unwilling to resort to this step until  
the last moment, but see no alter-  
native unless some guarantee is given  
me by Genl Smith that my Trains  
will not be taken from me at the  
moment the most important to the  
safety of my property. I know, that  
if the Planter abandon the Country  
the Army, necessarily, will be forced  
to do the same, but what are we to  
do? Must we remain here doing  
all we can for the sustenance of  
the Army and <sup>the</sup> Navy until the enemy



is upon us And Then, when endeavoring  
to get off with our mules, to have our  
teams & wagons taken from us.  
This is what I fear. If Mr. Smith  
will guarantee that ~~our~~ my wagons  
and teams will not be ~~impounded~~ <sup>impounded</sup>  
will not leave, but prepare to make  
a crop and remain till driven off by  
the advance of the enemy. So on the  
favor to request that the Authorities  
and write me and if possible send me  
the safe guard money. I am very  
await your answer.

Where is the Mayor? I hear  
from below a few days since. All  
things were at Mr. Pagon's. I look for  
him up within five or six days.

I wrote you about effecting an ex-  
change of some with the Govt. for  
corn in Texas. I want a general  
order to get 3000 bushels whenever  
I may wish. I have not yet heard  
from you.

Yours very truly  
Wm. B. Beazley

10<sup>th</sup> Feby 583  
1864

Maj J. P. Broadwell  
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In reference to Cotton in  
Lower Louisiana.

200. in St. Landry in very bad  
order - cannot be moved without  
tagging rope.

2000. bales owned by speculators -  
& hauled to convenient shipping  
points for shipment to the army  
to which special attention is called -  
Suggests that this Cotton be  
taken for account of the Govt  
that the authorities allow such  
things as Cotton Seed - Medicines &c  
to come into supply the immedi-  
at wants of the people - &c.

Ent. No 2



Washington La - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Col. W. A. Broadwell.

Chief Cotton Bureau, Shreveport: La-  
Col-

In obedience to orders received from your Bureau bearing date 2<sup>d</sup> inst. I have the honor to submit the following report. In the Parish of St. Landry - I find some little Grown Cotton, perhaps Two Hundred Bales in very bad order. impossible to move the same without bagging & rope or Iron ties.

I would beg leave however to call your attention to the fact, that in this vicinity there is over two Thousand Bales of Cotton which has been purchased by speculators. Two & gentles. Some of this cotton has been hauled to the shipping points on Bayou Boeuf & Catabeau & report says the Yankees will bring up their Gun Boats & transports for it soon.

I would respectfully suggest that this Cotton be taken for account of Grown as the parties have already shipped some to the "Enemy". Some of this cotton is in Seed but the most of it in bale & of a Superior style of Cottons having been made by small planters & carefully handled. Enclosed please find a proposition from Messrs Winckley & Capps to introduce Clothing, Shoes, various Army & Country Supplies - also Medicines & Munitions of war can be introduced as the water facilities in this section are vastly superior to any in the department.



The point of delivery, the low price of the goods,  
the enterprising & patriotic character of the parties  
together with the fact that this cotton mostly is  
the property of foreigners Jews & speculators all  
of whom have purchased it with the intention of  
trading with the enemy - are points which should  
command your immediate attention. I therefore  
suggest that an efficient active & honorable officer  
be sent here immediately to make such negotiations  
as the wisdom of your Bureau may determine  
to be the interest of the Govt.

Many Croles in  
this vicinity are true to our interest & if the  
Gov. would permit Cotton Cards & some few things  
to be given them for their cotton they  
would fight with more courage & heart.

Some other suggestions may  
be made to your Bureau at no distant  
day -

Very Res. fr. &c. -  
J. P. Broadwell  
Mg. A. L.

April 3<sup>84</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Major J. P. Bro. - Dr. -

Reporting Condition of Cotton  
in Natchitoches Parish

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,  
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Capt W C Black  
Captain

Shreveport April 25. 1864.

Permit me to call your attention to the following particulars - as the result of my observation on a recent trip down Red River - Captain Sturdevant as you know has gathered up all the cotton on the different places that could possibly be removed - & for his energy & interest in this work deserves great praise. There are however several lots of cotton which you want of rope & baling material still left below. I would respectfully suggest that the parties in charge of same be immediately notified to place this cotton in shipping <sup>order</sup> & likewise under shelter until called for. In the absence of rope they can use oak splits raw hide or hickory bark either of which articles will preserve the cotton & supply the deficiency of rope until provided. At Genl Hodges place there is about thirty bales without either rope or baling but under shelter. At Scopinies cut off about eighty bales said to be gunnibout cotton no shelter but little rope or baling. D. J. Hooks eleven bales no shelter or rope. Madame Rivers ten or fifteen bales rope & baling taken off to burn the lint in a pen. Nick Gilmer's forty five bales no shelter or rope - some baling.

Of the purchases on Red River you can safely estimate upon five or six hundred bales off in the swamps in good condition & not destroyed -

Very Respectfully  
J. P. Broadwell Major & Lt



Office Cotton Agent

Red River Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 64

Captain W.C. Black

Chief Cotton Bureau - Shreveport

Capt-

After so long a time I have finally returned from looking after the cotton East of the Washita. Having spent several weeks in the swamps I ought to say that even now I can make but a partial report.

Mr Parkman & Lieut Payne each had a list of cotton in different Parishes from your writer & neither of those gentlemen have as yet returned. So soon as they do so I will lay before you a more complete & detailed account of all cotton purchased in those sections.

The cotton I looked after from the R.R. Road to Trinity & on Black River & South of Trinity is about half destroyed. After the fall of Vicksburg a panic seems to pervade all of that section of the country & the Cavalry under command of Col Harrison passed through the country with torch in hand burning Gins, Docks, fencing cotton & indeed almost every thing that would burn.

Some parties rolled the cotton out of their Gins in order to save them - others hallded their cotton (that is Ginned cotton) out into the swamps - & in many cases the cotton has remained exposed since July - many people have abandoned their places & it was impossible

to obtain labor to cover & fix the cotton  
as it should be. In some cases I en-  
gaged men to cover the cotton & watch it  
to see that boards are not taken off & blown  
away by the storms as no nails could be had in  
the country to fix the cover properly.

So these parties I gave them a bale of cotton  
for every twenty-five for their labor with a  
written agreement to watch & care for it as their  
own property until called upon to deliver the  
same to parties representing the Gov. with  
written instructions from the "Cotton Bureau".

I heard of several men going around  
the country obtaining all the information they  
could as to the quantity & condition of the Gov  
cotton. It was generally believed that these  
men were employed by the Yankees to do this.

But it was not until I passed through the  
same section did the people begin to form  
such an opinion. I think it possible that

the cotton is in much worse condition in the  
locality I visited than in that which the  
other gentlemen are looking after. If so  
I think it will be safe to estimate that  
out of over seven thousand bales - there is  
at least twelve thousand now in good order.

I saw a great deal of cotton belonging to  
private parties over in what is called Boeff



River paravie. All of these parties I was told  
refuse to sell their Cotton for our money - &  
likewise say they intend to sell to any  
body that will pay them gold for it.

As a general thing I found the people  
over there true to the interests of the Gov.  
There are some men over there that have  
done our cause much injury & who loudly claim  
to be strong Unionists. A certain <sup>man I don't remember</sup> man in  
Monroe has raised the English flag over about  
ten thousand Bales - would it not be right & best  
to take all of this Cotton & pay him in our currency?

It would be impossible to move any of the  
Cotton I saw East of the Washita to the west  
by land conveyance. Dr Young I heard would  
come about Monroe west as far as Vernon. he  
paying a fourth & half to move it - some fifty miles.

I think if this Cotton is left there for many  
months it will all be lost to the Gov - therefore the  
interests of the Country will be promoted by selling  
for the best price possible in exchange.

There are many other items of interest on  
this subject that will be furnished you at an early  
day. If you desire it when those other gentlemen  
return I will come up & see you - many things can  
be spoken that will not do to write about - write

me (Care of Col Brazzale Hatchitchoo -) your wishes

My negro teamsters are nearly naked for clothing



Can you not obtain some goods for shirts pants  
& coats for me. It is impossible to buy here without  
money & that I have none. Mr Payne was kind enough  
to loan me (five thousand dollars) which is more than  
I want to do. I will bring up the Drighers  
if you think funds can be obtained at your  
Bureau. I have five Teams now employed  
in taking cotton to Hamilton in the Sabine.

Genl Taylor was kind enough while absent  
to relieve me of all the rest (nine large  
six mule teams) If he had only taken all  
I would have been quite thankful. But these  
Military Gentlemen do not consult the wishes  
of all their "Subs". I have several large wagons  
but no team or mule. The roads are bad &  
the weather too cold to do much this winter.

My trip over there come very near using  
me up. I am almost tempted to go into winter  
clothes. Please let me know when you expect  
my Brother in Shreveport. If you have any letter  
for me please send to the former address.

Excuse my long letter which I wish you & yours may  
not pass any more "New Years" as this (Yours very Resp)  
one has been to many. Cold, Sincerely,  
J. P. Broadwell  
Mayer C. S.

Dec<sup>31</sup> 1863  
Major I P Broadwell  
Red River

In regard to the movement of  
Cotton to Hamilton, on the Sabine.

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Camp on Red River

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1883

Capt. W. C. Black

Chief Cotton Bureau

Dear Capt

In the absence of pen & ink I send you  
this penciling greeting - Enclosed please find  
letters to the Col & May Dameron which you will  
earn send Paym by forwarding

I have no news of interest to report you  
in war matters from below. The movement  
of Cotton progresses very slow from this quarter

The Teams under my charge will deliver  
them Cotton on the Sapin at "Hamilton" a  
point below Purlaski distant 50 miles from  
this place on Red River. Storage is abundant I  
hear for probably as much cotton as the teams  
will deliver them. I have some wagons &

no teams for them will you please order  
Captain Birds to send me one. One Hamilton  
head of these Cattle he has recently purchased  
He can no doubt purchase many up there. There  
are none in this vicinity even for beef.

The Col<sup>d</sup> Boy John will give directions to this Camp.  
If the Cattle are ordered down - I go immediately  
to dispatch your business & will report you  
as soon as possible - with many wishes for  
the good health of your self & family. Yrs very Resp.  
in haste - - J. C. Broadwell Major C.S.A.

Memoranda 25 July 63  
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Maj J. P. Brounwill

Referring to the removal  
of salt from Avery's  
Island - July 1863.





Here I want mention yet. If we to remain here, the  
 work is much superior transportation on the Army. It  
 should be employed in transporting men. I would suggest  
 that you should select a man to be selected to be  
 the work. The man without to be selected to be  
 in work more as well as to be selected to be  
 selected to be selected to be selected to be selected  
 they will be selected to be selected to be selected

to see you - I am so & I have been every day for the last  
with these men. Richard my cousin has been with them  
it is very fast & I hope they will get the matter settled  
the mind to come about the matter of getting out  
of our time much less of "hanging wheels" - They have  
up for me for money. At that time some Richard  
was out with the horse - that is to be sent to the  
old claims against the settlement for the same  
was for 1810 or 1811. I think to have been set for  
I will pay it back from the same place you will. R

[illegible]

New Iberia 587

Maj J. P. Broadwell

Referring to the trans-  
portation of salt and  
other matters.

Col W. A. Broadwell      New Iberia August 4, 1863  
Dear Brother

I am in receipt of letters from Mr  
D<sup>rd</sup> & also from Major McKee referring to  
the transportation of Cotton &c. All  
of which you are doubtless advised  
I hardly know where to begin this  
Enterprise! The business is not fully  
defined & the Transportation at my  
Command is not sufficient to engage  
my respect at this time. Indeed

When through with the salt I had  
intended to quit this country and  
this district particularly. I am  
indifferent however as to what  
I do or when I go - so far as  
my own feelings are concerned -

This business was perhaps suggested  
by you however & whatever you wish  
I am free to undertake. The people  
will not understand why it is that the  
salt operations are suspended for the  
present but I see no use in mining  
salt for such a man as Maj Phillips.

I will request Williams to go to Mr  
Jacobs & if you wish him to engage at any



Thing He will be eager to pitch in -  
I think it rather hard to move those  
negroes about over the country. This way  
certainly some compensation should be  
allowed for loss of time &c -  
- Williams thinks that I should allow him  
the cost of Beef Corn &c while up Red River  
You said to me let Chamberlain keep all  
accounts & deduct it from the wages when  
paid - so I have done - But Williams is  
somewhat dissatisfied that the negroes were  
brought back & now to be turned loose  
again - However I have nothing to do with this  
You can arrange the matter with Williams as  
you like I have never discussed these things  
with him - I have no news to report  
You from this direction we have the  
mines fully under way now & could get out 100 or  
200,000 per diem if it could be taken away -  
I have sent off in obedience to Genl Dagers  
order about 400,000 - greater portion of which  
has been landed west of the mountains -  
I have almost ready a schooner that  
will carry one hundred fifty thousand & Henry will  
take her in charge - perhaps for a load of  
Cotton what say you - Can't you get the papers  
fixed up for him to run <sup>out</sup> with a load  
to Havana - The schooner will carry about

One Hundred & sixty Bales - & she is said to be  
a fine craft - I thought of doing something  
of this kind myself but if orders come  
to move cotton overland I can not move  
any by water I am going to controll this  
about now & await for things to turn  
up. The Schooner was turned over to me by  
St Paul & C.S. property if the cotton is  
so to why ship it to Matamoros. This  
looks quite simple to me But of course  
I do not understand all the particulars -  
in connection with this matter & simply  
make this suggestion - for your consideration

Capt. Huggins is in fine spirits &  
full blast - & will soon have things in  
good working trim. - Oh it is quite a  
relief from St Paul - who leaves today  
in days for parts unknown -

Henry is doing well & seems  
pleased & generous in much love to you

Yr aff Brother

Jacob

Chester Ark  
28<sup>th</sup> March 1864

Mr J. S. Broadwell

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Referring to the operations  
in cotton & near the energy  
series in Ark.

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Capt. W. C. Black

Capt.

Office Letter Agent -  
Chicag. City 4th

March 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

I have written you several times  
but as yet have failed to hear  
from you in regard to any of my com-  
munications. I am somewhat at a loss  
to know what to do. There seems to be  
nothing here to occupy me in any way that  
I consider the best disposition of my  
time. Your orders are such as to not  
allow me to return without something  
more definite. I may do a very  
rash act if I do, but from now on  
I am not yet fully determined to even  
await your orders. These statements  
may account for my absence for the  
next few weeks if you should not  
hear from me in the mean time.

I am not determined which I will  
do if I should get out of Robbins  
nor will I start until fully satisfied  
my own mind that the result will be as  
now anticipated.

The failure to obtain supplies in this vicinity & the bad management of your agent in this cotton business is the only matter that will prompt me to take so much a step. Success is the test of merit & I may fail too. So that I will not be too sensorous.

Please do not in your letters to this office allude in any way to my reports - as I say is strictly confidential & must be kept within your office.

I am fully persuaded with the proper negotiations made that we can secure all the Army wants in this department in exchange for cotton at a fair price say 25 or 30¢ as the trade now proposes. You do not get 8¢ profit for it according to my calculations & observations.

At this price all the C.S. cotton in this department will not buy enough supplies to last until December term is up. But you know this better than I do therefore I will not trouble you with my disappointments.



I have not as yet secured any of  
the Stationary for your office. You  
wished for the little items. Your  
wife wished me to obtain for her  
I may perhaps do so & return them  
Mr. David who is now with the wagons  
in the Swamp. I have not been with  
him much, nor been able to find any  
a great occupation for him as  
there seems but little for any body  
to do in this Swamp. I will return  
all the wagons as soon as possible.

Smith can tell you all about  
the action of things in this country

Yrs Res<sup>t</sup>  
J. B. Brouwell



Cheneyville 15<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1865

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Maj J. P. Broadwell

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Stating that J. K. Emme is entitled  
to Permit and asks that it be  
forwarded to Maj. Mungus.

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H<sup>d</sup> Geo Walkers Secy  
Manteville La March 9 1864

Due Mr J K Ewell for goods delivered  
\$360<sup>00</sup> Three Hundred & Sixty - Dollars To  
be paid in Cotton at Twenty five cents  
per Pound, in presentation of this  
Wm M Stone

(Signed) May 7 1864

I certify the above to be a true copy of  
of the one Mr Ewell has in his possession

J. P. Broadwell  
Major Cst

Chesneyville La

Jan 15 1864

Dear Brother

Enclosed please find copy of above  
for which Mr Ewell is entitled to a permit  
to export the Cotton - It is a little matter and he did  
not wish to trouble <sup>you</sup> with it, but as he has ~~an~~ chance  
to get some things for his family - it would be  
agreeable for him to use it. The original permit  
was left with Capt Black - but Mr Ewell has never  
heard from him in regard to it. Please have the permit  
sent to Maj Huggins for him as soon as possible & much

Obliged yours truly  
J. P. Broadwell

Houston Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1856  
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 Gen. W. Bryan

Inquiring the action  
 of Congress in regard to the  
 cotton office.



ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at

March 16 - 64

By Telegraph from

Houston 16

To

W A Broadwell

What has Congress done in relation  
to Cotton office -  
Guy M Bryant -

Ed J. (Answer) Has any Cotton Bureau  
Shut at 16th March 1864  
This office has no information on  
the subject - W A B  
Chief -

My Guy M Bryant  
Houston

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Houston March 20<sup>th</sup> 1864 -

J. M. Bryan  
to

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell  
" "

In regard to the enquiry  
between Gen. Munnah's  
plan of obtaining cotton  
& that adopted by the  
Cotton Office, &c

Houston March 20<sup>th</sup> 64

My dear Sir

I leave here in the morning for Austin to see Gov Murrah in regard to the conflict between his plan of obtaining Cotton, & that adopted by the Cotton Office, & if possible to obtain harmonious action between them.

I have at length obtained concurrence views between the Office & Genl Nichols the Agent of the Governor, who will also go to Austin.

I have strong hopes of accommodating the differences between them.

I have undertaken this matter under instructions from Genl Smith received since I arrived here on my way to Shreveport.

If the Cotton Office succeeds in getting rid of all the obstructions in their way, they have assumed a great responsibility to discharge. In order that they may be fully informed of this, what is <sup>their</sup> hope, & how much the Dept is dependent on them. I would suggest that if you can be spared at Shreveport for a short

Shreveport I need not Austin I think I am much to get through to Shreveport  
I will be - unless I am much to get through to Shreveport



time, that you come down here  
& infuse your energy into the  
Collar Office. I think that such  
your might result from this  
action on your part. You can  
thoroughly inform yourself of the  
condition & action of the office. &  
by your suggestions, & give  
additional energy & clearer  
views to Col Bulchins & his  
associates. - I make this suggestion  
for the public good & not from the  
slightest intention to disbarge in  
any way the office -

I am convinced of the patriotism  
& correct objects of Mr. Murrah. I  
fully endorse his motives, all  
that I desire to do is to prevent  
his action from interfering with  
that of the Confederate Authorities  
in their efforts to obtain supplies.  
his objects are to obtain supplies  
for both the State & Confederacy  
but not weaken the efforts  
of the latter - this is what he  
desires to see & what I believe.

Love very truly

W. Col W. A. Broadwell, Yours &c

Chf Collar Bureau  
Trans. M. P. Dept.

Genl. M. Bryan

Major G M Boyer

1st Lt A A Gault

August 29th Sept 1863

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or ledger, covering the right half of the page.]*

Unofficial

Head Quarters

San Antonio 29<sup>th</sup> / 63

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of this morning enclosing a letter from Col Broadwell of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inf. I have the honor to state that I have received dates from him as late as the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

In his last he says that if by reason of press he is not directed to remain in Houston he will leave immediately for the Rio Grande. I informed him of Genl Smith's absence & presume that he will be governed by his own judgment as to his movements in the absence of direction from Head Quarters. Genl Smith is expected here on Thursday.

Very Respectfully

Geo M Bryan

Capt W O Black  
Capt & 2 M.



Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1883.  
Guy - M - Bryan 5911

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In relation to the rep. of  
Cotton for the purpose of  
bringing to market supplies -

# 1011 872

12 Bales each

Approved & signed  
to the County officer  
at Brunswickville  
at a much price  
& sales factory  
examine... given  
W. A. Brumfield  
L. C. Col. Schuy

B. B. P. 9

Head Quarters  
Department Lo  
Sanford La Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sir,

I am directed by Lt. Genl Ek Smith  
to enclose to you three permits exempting  
from importment three lots of cotton of  
twelve bales each, which you propose  
to export to Mexico, Provided you sell the  
same for transport only meaning paper  
(except a small amount for the purchase  
of family supplies) These permits are  
of the same tenor & sold on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst.

The other three permits of the same  
character & for the same purpose  
will be granted when you state the  
necessity arising which you refer to in  
your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

Respectfully  
Yours  
G. M. Bryan  
Major & A. A. G.

Effingham Co  
Editor of Telegraph  
Houston Texas

April 5th 1864  
Capt B I Brown  
A. G. M. Lawrence Ark

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Respecting Paper taken from  
his Warrant, to me as  
Holding on bringing Horses  
to Shreveport

Written to April 10/64

William H. Lawrence



A. Q. M. Officer

Cincinnati Ohio  
April 5th 1865

Dear Sir,

I enclose you please find  
 Certificate for 100 lbs. Tallow from  
 To by name horse & Tallow in  
 taking ~~the~~ horses & transport  
 they will settle for &  
 There are sent to me from  
 for storage the head subject of your order  
 47 pieces Bagging & 25 Cails Rope  
 Respectfully

Very Respectfully  
 Wm. H. Haggard

J. J. Brown  
 Captain  
 C.S.A.

Certify that We have taken from Capt B. J. Brown's Warehouse Forty (40) coils of Rope left with him subject to the order of Maj W. H. Holmes of Clothing Bureau at Shreveport La. that We took the same without his consent and that the Rope was necessary to take some lines to Shreveport that We had impressed and that it was impracticable to otherwise procure the Rope and that We will account to Maj Hayes for the same.

Louisville Ark.  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1864.

E. J. Pearson  
Capt & Qm  
C. B. Bagg Capt  
J. M. B. Bagg

Pearson Division

Middletown 24<sup>th</sup> April 1864  
3 P.M.

Dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
Board of Directors of the Middletown  
Railway Company have decided to  
accept of the offer of the Middletown  
Railway Company to purchase the  
Middletown Railway and to  
construct a new line from  
Middletown to the South West  
and to the North West.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
Wm. H. Williams



very much interested in the subject of the  
Meridian Trip April 24/64

Dr. Wm. A. Broadwell Shreveport La

My dear friend

You are aware that I  
belong to a plantation in Louisiana or rather Lafourcade  
County, Arkansas near the River about 100 miles  
from New Orleans & under the  
management of a Mr. Wallace & Gisham a  
planter from Madison Parish Louisiana who  
has some negroes of his own, who thinking  
it would be better to have some supervision over the negroes  
he made this promise to Mr. J. H. Johnson before  
his removal from Madison Parish, and also to  
Mr. A. Williams who went to see the negroes  
last fall. The Sugar Estate Negroes that  
Mr. A. Williams took over from the Sugar Estate  
and the Salt water. Mr. Williams writes to  
me from Falls County Texas to gather with  
the master &c. Now I don't know what means  
Mr. Williams may have in hand to pay  
taxes which must be paid this summer  
and I wish to have the taxes paid,  
and have concluded to send to you five  
thousand dollars in four per cent bonds,  
which I wish appropriated in that way -  
if required, if there should be any deficiency  
of money to pay taxes I would you to furnish

I don't yet know the exact amount of the taxes to be paid this year. I will send you the amount as soon as I know it.

Chickadee 20th April 1862

And I will pay you in all this, I have the  
 Soup either by Mr John Thompson, or Mr William  
 Poulton, formerly of V Burg. if then should be  
 more further one of the Soup Shop it and send it  
 to me when you have an opportunity.  
 My family are living there, been since  
 we last, at Thomasville South Western Georgia  
 in St Harbourn? or there also are in good  
 health, you perhaps know where Mr William  
 is and can communicate with him  
 he writes to me that he has heard the Negroes  
 he has in Texas, he a Mr Fong, and a Mr Barth  
 Vicksburg, Post office Martin a Shop  
 Room. I congratulate you on the victory  
 General Smith & Taylor have gained over the  
 Rebels at Manassas, I hope the good news  
 will prove true, we have had unusual  
 good success on this side of the River for  
 last 3 or 4 months, Gen Grant is concentrating  
 a very large force in the Potomac to make  
 another attack on Richmond. And  
 Gen Thomas or Gen Sherman it is said  
 will move on Gen Johnston at Rotten Down  
 it is thought the Movement in Virginia &  
 Georgia will be Semutuous, our troops  
 are all in fine spirits, and we all think  
 the Rebels are going to be badly whipped  
 and 12 months will see the War closed up  
 and our Independence Established,  
 May America quite free for fine spirits  
 Yours Truly  
 Shepherd Brown

Memphis 30<sup>th</sup> June 1864

Maj J A Packard

to  
Lt Col W O Broadwell  
Chief of Cotton Bureau

wishes to have his authority to  
purchase or impress, extended to the west  
of the Ouachita River, in order to obtain  
more Cotton  
wishes to give the Citizens a guarantee from  
destruction of 1/5 of their Cotton if they come  
forward at once with 4/5. still the Govt.  
thinks some such mode necessary, as few are  
willing to sell for Confederate money.

Wants authority to impress or burn the  
whole in cases where parties have deserted  
their Cotton, should the enemy be likely to  
come here

wants to know if the Speculator should be  
allowed 1/5-

and what should be done with D Caldwells  
case, who it is supposed does not own 1/10 of  
the Cotton in his hands, held for other parties  
feels the want of money or bonds



Mouroe, La.

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

## Colonel

I am directed to purchase or impress four fifths of the Cotton East of the Ouachita river. There is much stored west of this river & contiguous to it. Extend this authority to all cottons west of, & contiguous, to the Ouachita; or to the "Northern Sub-district of La." as designated by Brig<sup>d</sup> Genl Sedgwick's Military command, and much more can be acquired within the probable short time allotted me here. I wish to give the citizens a guarantee from destruction of one fifth of their Cotton, where they, voluntarily & without delay, come forward & sell four fifths to the Govt. - I can only make headway by some such mode; as the larger part of the crops is hidden away, and I find but few, very eager to sell their Cottons for Confederate Money? I wish authority to impress the wholes or burn on the approach of the enemy all not impressed, in all cases where Parties hold their Cottons secreted. What shall I do with those who have purchased for speculation? Shall they be left a fifth? If so, it should only be where they have a "Bona fide" claim - In the case of Dr Caldwell I am informed that ~~the~~ Nine tenths of the cotton under his control, belongs to other parties. If I had money or Bonds, I could acquire

with the above arrangements the larger  
part of the cotton in this sub district within  
two months. Certificates are decidedly below  
par. Not being negotiable, but few will take  
them willingly.

I have met <sup>Dr</sup> Young's purchasing Agent for  
Caldwell Parish - Will see M. C. Hardy the  
Agent for this Parish in a day or two & put  
myself in communication with all <sup>Dr</sup> Youngs Agents -  
here as soon as possible - I wish to use these  
Agents chiefly, both in purchasing & impressing  
but will send out others and endeavor to meet  
your drafts as promptly as it is possible.

Dr Young paid his purchasing Agents - One dollar  
per bale - Shall I offer the same?

The work of impressing will be slow; & some of the Citizens threaten resistance — I propose the above arrangement of a guarantee of one fifth & the payment in Bonds, or money; & the impressment of the whole where they do not come forward promptly and sell; partially to move on smoothly with the Citizens but mainly to <sup>hasten</sup> facilitate the work.

I will send some printed certificates if Bonds or Money cannot be had. I have all the forms relating to impressments.

Stevenson has not arrived here - Mcanaw's agent  
for the transportation of his Cotton is here; wishes the  
full amt of 5000 Bales made up, as much has been  
destroyed - On this subject however you will of course be  
advised by Mcanaw himself. Keep you & Mr. S. & Mr. F.  
Chas. Cotton & Son

Shrewsbury May 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

5-9-8  
Major J. A. Buckner

Joseph Merand

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Stating terms of settlement  
of claim.

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Shreveport La

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

It is agreed between Mr Joseph Menard, (agent for Messrs Ralli Benachigbo) & Messrs J. A. Buckner a. a. c. (acting for the Confederate States of America) that the claim for certain lots of cotton sold by Lt Col W. A. Broadwell under orders from Genl E. Kirby Smith to said Menard for a/c Messrs Ralli Benachigbo, which cotton was burned in the general conflagration in the Spring of 1864 by military order, is this day settled by the order for certain other lots of good cotton in the Parish of Jackson, La. of which a list of which are herewith handed and order delivered - It is understood that the "Confederate States" are not bound to the delivery of the cotton as designated but that all claims are relinquished and by this writing vested in Mr Menard, he receiving in payment of his claim such amount as he may get of it.

It is further understood that said Menard relinquishes all claims against the goods arising out of the burning of cotton in that District in the Spring of 1864 & the use of such of his cotton (as was stored on the plantation of Mr Frank Pargent) by the agents of the C. S.

The 5 days sight draft on Messrs Woodsuff & Co for \$31599.25 drawn by Mr Butterfield for R. A. Tunstall, which draft was returned protested, is by this agreement settled & transferred to Messrs Ralli Benachigbo.

J. A. Buckner  
Major Genl.

Joseph Menard  
agent for Ralli Benachigbo

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Lemuel Ly 11/15

Capt B I Burr

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including number for  
3 bds Cotton -

please mark on the  
Cotton Book, that Mr  
Dray has ordered 3 bds  
for the C/B. -

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Prof<sup>r</sup> to Colm Brindwell  
While acting as Chief of  
C Burr - I have permission  
to use Cotton for Hark  
purposes. Your name  
includes the Martin Cotton  
in your account -

and oblige

W B Black

Will be Reply with up  
the number papers in this  
Case - Black

over



Office A. I. M.  
Levensville, Mo.,

January 11<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Capt.

Enclosed please find <sup>Invoices</sup> and Receipts  
for three Bales Cotton, received from  
T. M. Drury at his plantation on  
Red River in Lafayette County, Mo.  
in accordance with your enclosures  
of Nov 16<sup>th</sup> and communication of Surgeon  
Hart-Strang to Head Qs. D. A. & T. M. D.  
authorizing me to get the cotton by  
properly accounting for the same.  
Please sign and return the invoices.  
I have given Mr Drury a Receipt  
showing the amount of cotton, for  
what purpose and under what order  
it was gotten. The cotton has been  
used in Genl Hospital and I have  
the Surgeons receipt for it on Special  
requisition.

I am, Capt, very  
Respectfully  
your obt. Servt.  
B. J. Brewer  
Capt & Agt.

Capt. W. B. Black  
Agt., acting  
in Cotton Bureau  
T. M. D.



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Capt Black  
Coast Office

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Crocket Nov 21/64

Wm H. a. Butler

asked for an  
appointment at  
San Antonio

Arkansas State Telegraph Company.

By Telegraph from

Mar 21 1864  
Crockett 21 1864

To

Capt McBluer  
Cotton Bu

Article ninth new Trade  
Regulations with Mexico  
require Genl Smith  
to appoint Inspecting

Officer at San Antonio  
Do you think I can

get the appointment

It will materially  
affect my affairs if I  
can Please answer

immediately John A Buckner

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